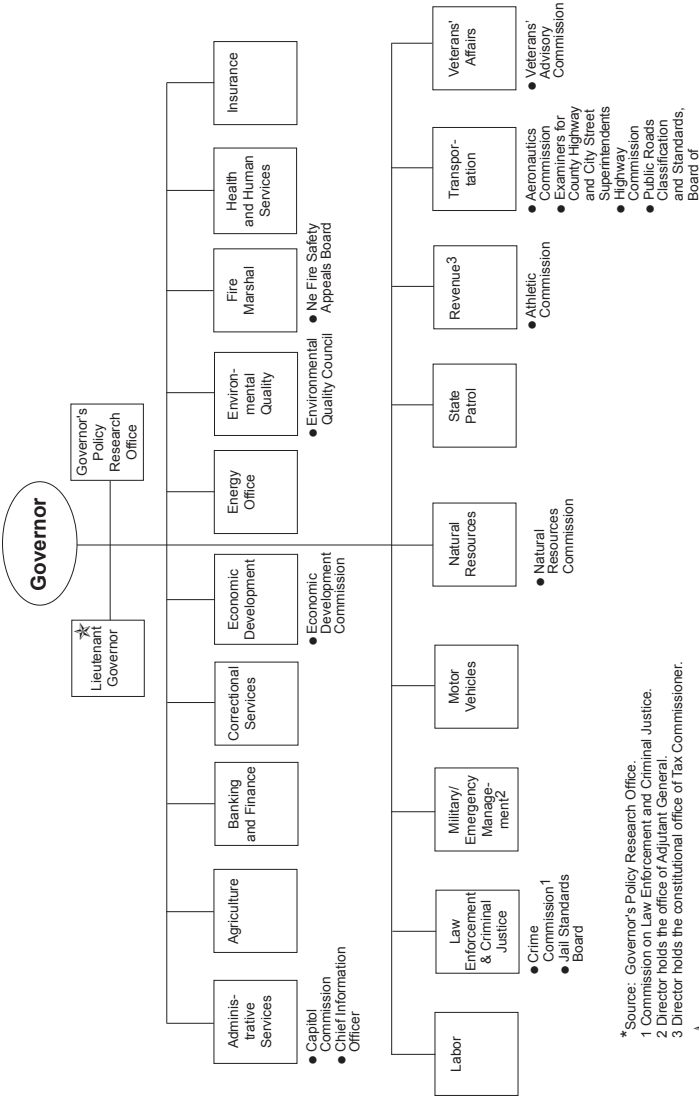


Nebraska State Government Organization — Executive Branch*
Agencies Subject to Governor's Direct Control (Code Agencies)



CODE AGENCIES

Editor's Note: Code agencies are state government departments and agencies subject to the governor's direct control. The directors of these agencies serve at the pleasure of the governor and are directly accountable to him or her. These entities are full-fledged agencies, meaning they have their own staff, are affiliated with no other agency and appear as distinct items within the state budget. All statutory references in this section indicate where each entity was created — unless otherwise noted — in the Nebraska Constitution, Revised Statutes of Nebraska or both. Appointees to boards, commissions, councils, committees and other state governmental bodies serve until they resign or are replaced after their terms expire.

Administrative Services

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Director: Jason Jackson

Statutory References: 81-101 and 81-1103

Administrative Services, created by the 1965 Legislature, coordinates and administers the following divisions: Accounting, Budget, State Building, Employee Relations, Materiel, Personnel, State Risk Management and Transportation Services Bureau.

Administrative Services:

- develops and maintains a modern budgetary, inventory and financial accounting system
- centrally directs services and service agencies
- makes the chief executive responsible for executing state financial policies and provides assistance with technical skills to achieve this
- provides for the development, planning and management of state data processing, state communications, capital facilities, transportation services and management engineering coordination.

Accounting Division

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Statutory Reference: 81-1108

The Accounting Division, reorganized by the Legislature in 1969, operates and maintains the central accounting and payroll system for state agencies. The operations area is responsible for setting up vendors for accounts payable processing, creating payment groups for internal and external customers, and processing wage attachments and payroll transactions. The division creates and processes about 400,000 warrants and 2.1 million electronic payments each year, including biweekly and monthly payrolls for state employees. The division processes more than \$2.4 billion in federal grants for various agencies.

The systems area of the division reviews the internal controls and accounting methods used by state agencies and also monitors audit reports to evaluate agency ac-

counting methods. The division provides direction to agencies for recording entries of payments, deposits and other transactions into the accounting system. Such transactions are subject to the division's statewide accounting policies. The division prepares a daily general fund cash flow analysis, the state's yearly financial reports, including the audited Comprehensive Annual Financial Report, and obtains and processes master leasing for state agencies. The division also provides technical and functional support for the state's centralized financial system

Central Finance

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Statutory References: 81-1108 and 81-1101

The Central Services Division provides finance, human resources and legal services to all Department of Administrative Services divisions. Legal services is organized under the Central Services Division, but the general counsel reports directly to the director of Administrative Services. Services provided by the division include, but are not limited to:

- financial services of monthly invoices and bill paying
- oversight of all division budgets and finances and coordination of each division's budget and rate setting
- coordination of bi-weekly payroll, hiring, on-boarding and all personnel related issues
- provision of legal services for personnel matters, vendor contracts, collections and any litigation or claims against the department

Budget Division

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Statutory Reference: 81-1108

The Budget Division provides direction, coordination and support for state agencies in the preparation of mid-biennium and biennial budget requests. The division assists the governor in preparing the governor's state budget recommendations and administering the approved state budget.

State Building Division

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Statutory References: 81-1108 and 81-1108.11

The 1974 Legislature created the State Building Division to plan, construct and administer state facilities. The division's sections are facilities planning and construction, operations and maintenance, property management, security and administrative support.

Through its facilities planning and construction section, the division ensures that state funds are used wisely for construction projects, maintains building inventory and use records, plans future state buildings and analyzes capital construction requests, programs,

preliminary plans and construction contracts. The planning group also helps prepare the governor's capital construction budget. The section inspects each building project and coordinates change orders, progress payments and time-cost schedule administration to ensure facilities are efficiently built. This section also facilitates the activities of the State Comprehensive Capital Facilities Planning Committee as it develops a statewide facilities master plan for all state government agencies exclusive of higher education.

The division's operations and maintenance section performs daily maintenance and operation activities of buildings. The facilities assigned to this section include the governor's residence, state office buildings in Lincoln, North Platte, Omaha, Scottsbluff and several 24-hour care facilities, such as veterans' homes and regional mental health centers.

The property management section serves as the state's leasing agent in procuring and providing for the space needs for state agencies and implements orders of the Vacant Building and Excess Land Committee which involves the sale and disposition of various buildings and real estate.

The security section maintains a safe environment for employees and visitors in the Omaha State Office Building.

The administrative support section includes management of the state parking program, conference room scheduling, coordination of the division's budget and accounting activities, personal property inventory and general support to the other sections of the division.

State Comprehensive Capital Facilities Planning Committee

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Statutory Reference: 81-1108.41

The 1995 Legislature directed the State Building Division to develop a state comprehensive capital facilities plan. The plan projects the state's facility needs for a period of six years. To aid in developing the plan, the governor appointed the State Comprehensive Capital Facilities Planning Committee. The committee became responsible for developing planning guidelines and prioritizing projects for state agency capital construction projects. The capital facilities plan is based on the process the committee developed. The plan includes state construction projects for state agencies except the University of Nebraska and the state colleges. The plan is updated or a new plan is developed every two years.

The committee includes state agency personnel, municipal and professional planners and citizens from across the state.

Members

Position

Amber Brannigan, Lincoln	Administrator, State Building Division
David Cary, Lincoln	City Planning Department
David K. Fanslau, Omaha	City Planning Director
Scott Frakes, Lincoln	Correctional Services
Barbara Gay, Columbus	Nebraska Public Power District
Cynthia Harris, Lincoln	Health and Human Services Department
Janet Johnson, Chadron	Citizen
Tom Sands, Lincoln	Department of Transportation

Vacant Building and Excess Land Committee

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Statutory Reference: 72-812

The Vacant Building and Excess Land Committee reviews potential vacant state-owned buildings or excess land and determines how the buildings or lands should be used, including possible rental, sale or demolition. Once a building or piece of land is declared vacant, the department assumes responsibility for maintenance and disposition of that building or land. The building or land is then disposed of or reused as directed by the committee. If the committee decides to sell the building or land, the director of administrative services disposes of it in the state's best interests.

The director of administrative services, the Task Force for Building Renewal administrator and the State Building Division administrator are permanent committee members. In addition, a fourth, nonvoting member is the director of the agency responsible for any vacant building or excess land for which action is needed. Members serve at the governor's pleasure.

Member	Position
Amber Brannigan, Lincoln.....	Administrator, State Building Division
Doug Hanson, Hickman.....	Administrator, Task Force for Building Renewal
Jason Jackson, Lincoln.....	Director of Administrative Services

Task Force for Building Renewal

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Statutory Reference: 81-174

The 1977 Legislature created the Task Force for Building Renewal, also known as the LB309 Task Force, to prioritize deferred maintenance projects in state-owned facilities. The task force reviews, classifies and recommends funding to the governor for deferred maintenance projects, as requested by state agencies. The task force's main responsibility is to fund projects for deferred maintenance, remove barriers for people with disabilities, complete fire and life safety upgrades and provide for energy conservation improvements within existing state-owned facilities.

The director of administrative services appoints an administrator as the task force's chief officer. The administrator may have up to four consultants, plus an architect on staff, to provide evaluations of requests and recommendations.

Member	Position
Gina Alber-Cacek, Adams.....	Training Coordinator
Gloria Eddins, Lincoln.....	Projects Manager
Doug Hanson, Hickman.....	Task Force Administrator
Chris Kreikemeier, Waverly.....	Consultant
Earl McClintock, Lincoln.....	Consultant
Richard Noel, Lincoln.....	Consultant

Employee Relations Division

Contact Person: William J. Wood, Employee Relations Administrator, Employee Relations Division, 1526 K St., P.O. Box 95061, Lincoln, NE 68509-5061, phone (402) 471-4106

Chief Negotiator: William J. Wood

Statutory Reference: 81-1108 and 81-1376

The Employee Relations Division first operated as part of the Department of Personnel. In 1992, the Legislature merged the Department of Personnel into the Department of Administrative Services and created a separate Division of Employee Relations. The chief negotiator, who is appointed by the governor and serves at the governor's pleasure, administers the division. Duties of the chief negotiator include: negotiating and administering all labor contracts involving agencies subject to the state personnel system; developing and coordinating the state's approach to labor relations by consulting, training and other activities; coordinating and processing employee grievance appeals and developing and coordinating surveys used to develop wage and benefit comparability data for collective bargaining purposes.

Materiel Division

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Statutory References: 81-1108 and 81-1118

The role of the Materiel Division was established by the 1969 Legislature, which gave the division its responsibility as state purchasing agent. Division offices for surplus property, purchasing and general services (later known as office services) were created. The division was given control of state inventories in 1974.

The division was given authority to obtain leases of articles — including real property — for state agencies in 1975. Leasing of real property was transferred to the State Building Division by the 1992 Legislature for the purpose of consolidating state building leases.

In 1977, the Nebraska Supreme Court ruled that the division's central purchasing and disposal program for property did not apply to the University of Nebraska Board of Regents or the university.

The 1981 Legislature created a forms management center under the division responsible for the form and content of state agency forms, surveys and other documents. In 1983, the office was eliminated and its responsibilities delegated to the agency level.

Printing of state documents before 1919 was established by various acts that had state executive officers as the head of the Bureau of Printing board. Purchasing agent responsibilities were expanded in 1919 to include the Bureau of Printing, which is now known as the State Print Shop.

In 1943, the Legislature made the purchasing agent a governor-appointed position and gave the agent administrative powers over the state's central mailing service. A postage metering machine was installed, and since July 1, 1943, all official outgoing mail from the State Capitol, and later from the Nebraska State Office Building, has been metered and dispatched by this central mailing service. The central mail operation is responsible

for transporting material, tracking shipments and making freight claims.

The State Purchasing Bureau buys articles needed by state agencies, except the University of Nebraska. The 1947 Legislature gave the agent authority to buy and sell state surplus property. The State Surplus Property section is responsible for disposing of the state's surplus property and maintaining inventory records.

The 1965 Legislature transferred this agency from the state tax commissioner to Administrative Services as the Purchasing Division. The Legislature gave the agent jurisdiction over state university and normal schools' purchasing departments. These functions then transferred to the newly created Materiel Division in 1965.

The Copy Services area purchases and places copier requirements.

The 1992 Legislature transferred the responsibility of the State Government Recycling Program from the Energy Office to the Materiel Division.

The Office Supply Bureau provides agencies with office supplies, paper and forms.

Personnel Division

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Statutory References: 81-1108 and 81-1303

The Personnel Division was created in 1967 as the Department of Personnel. The 1992 Legislature made the department part of Administrative Services. The division administers the state personnel system, which has 14,593 employees in 56 classified agencies and 2,985 employees in 17 nonclassified agencies. The division:

- maintains a job classification and pay system for state employees
- provides state agencies with qualified job applicants
- promulgates and enforces personnel rules and regulations
- administers an employee grievance appeal procedure
- provides state-sponsored training and development opportunities
- maintains the Human Resource Management System
- administers state benefits

The division is led by a director of personnel, who is appointed by the AS director. The division is composed of the Classification and Compensation, Recruitment, Teammate Services, Talent Development and Wellness and Benefits units.

Classification and Compensation Unit

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Classification and Compensation maintains the State Classification and Pay Plan by analyzing and approving agency requests for position reclassification and salary grade adjustments. The unit maintains class specifications for nearly 1,200 job classes and determines salary ranges essential for attracting and retaining qualified employees. A revised classification and pay-plan booklet is issued annually. The unit is responsible for the State Personnel Rules and training on rule subjects, such as overtime and performance evaluation. The unit also develops and publishes the *Personnel Almanac*, which contains history and statistics about the state government work force. The unit conducts annual

salary surveys of local and regional employers' wages and benefits and publishes a *Salary Survey* booklet. The unit also is responsible for researching statistics regarding benefits and wages for use in the collective bargaining process.

Recruitment

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Recruitment helps agencies with their staffing needs, including recruiting, selecting, interviewing and hiring qualified candidates. Agencies, except those exempted from the personnel system, are required to post all vacancies with the unit to ensure equal opportunity. Staff in this unit help agencies in developing recruiting plans, offering services such as writing job advertisements, posting positions, internet recruiting and attending college recruitment events, as well as fulfilling other specific recruiting needs. The staff is available to develop selection tools, offer screening services and assist agencies in selecting a top group of qualified candidates.

Recruitment operates the Specialized Office Services (SOS), a temporary employment program that helps agencies hire temporary help during peak work periods or employee leaves. SOS is the clearinghouse and approval source for all temporary employment requests and is a liaison with contractual temporary agencies. SOS is responsible for providing payroll and benefit services to the employees of this program.

Teammate Services

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Teammate Services manages annual employee recognition programs, coordinates the annual Charitable Giving campaign and other charitable drives, coordinates the state employee discount program, oversees the statewide employee suggestion system and interprets and oversees the vendor solicitation policy.

Talent Development

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Talent Development offers training and development opportunities to agencies and employees. Through coordinated learning and development — with an emphasis in management and leadership, human capital management, change management and technical skills — the unit supports agencies and employees in creating an environment of innovation and effectiveness. The unit aims to support the agencies in obtaining higher productivity, improved customer service, increased employee satisfaction and improved morale.

State Personnel Board

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Statutory Reference: 81-1318

The State Personnel Board enters decisions on employee grievance appeals for employees covered by the classified system, whether or not the employee is covered by a collective bargaining agreement. Effective June 1, 1994, employees covered by the NAPE/AFSCME Labor Contract have the option to choose whether to have their appeal heard under this system or by an arbitrator under the voluntary final and binding arbitration process.

The board also approves rules and regulations promulgated by the director of personnel and provides legal advice regarding state personnel matters.

The five-member board is appointed by the governor and approved by the Legislature for five-year terms. No more than three members may be from the same political party. At least three appointees must have experience in personnel administration, business or public administration, labor relations or law. State employees may not be appointed to the board. The board meets monthly. Members are not paid but are reimbursed for their expenses.

Member	Term Expires
Patrick Guinan, Omaha (R) ¹	Aug. 4, 2022
Mary Shanahan, Lincoln (D)	Aug. 4, 2021
Brian J. Tessman, Omaha (R)	Aug. 4, 2020
Christopher Waddle, Giltner (D)	Aug. 4, 2018
Vacant	Aug. 4, 2019

Employee Wellness and Benefits

Contact Person: Christy Osentowski, Administrator, Employee Wellness and Benefits, 1526 K St., Ste. 110, P.O. Box 94905, Lincoln, NE 68508, phone (402) 471-2832

Employee Wellness and Benefits researches and administers health and wellness programs offered to state employees. The unit assists state employees with enrollment and participation in state-sponsored wellness and benefit programs and provides tools, resources and structure for employees to invest in their personal health. Wellness and Benefits also maintains compliance with governing federal legislation and vendor contractual obligations.

State Risk Management Division

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Statutory Reference: 81-8,239.01 and 81-1108

The state risk manager is responsible for identifying and implementing the most economical and effective methods to reduce the exposure of the state and its employees to personal injury, property damage and legal liability through loss control, loss elimination and, where possible, transfer of costs. Measures include purchasing insurance, identifying resource services for agencies and coordinating nonlitigation legal services.

There are three broad functions of the state’s Risk Management Program: State Claims Board,² Workers’ Compensation/Safety and Insurance/Self-Insurance.

¹ Political party affiliation: R = Republican, D = Democrat.
² For more information about the State Claims Board, see Page 707.

The division administers: the State Tort Claims Act; the State Miscellaneous Claims Act; the State Contract Claims Act; the state workers' compensation program; and the state risk management, indemnification, insurance, self-insurance and bonding programs.

Transportation Services Bureau

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Statutory Reference: 81-1008

The 1969 Legislature created the Transportation Services Bureau, which provides service and guidance to state agencies in the use, operation and service of state-owned vehicles and the use of privately owned vehicles used for state purposes.

Department of Agriculture

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Director: Steve Wellman

Chief Administrator: Bob Storant

Statutory Reference: 81-101

The Nebraska Department of Agriculture regulates and works as an advocate for agriculture.

The department was one of six administrative departments created by the Civil Administrative Code Law of 1919. The department was divided into the Bureau of Animal Industry; Bureau of Food, Drugs and Oil; Bureau of Markets and Marketing; Division of Game and Fish; and Clerical and Records Division. In 1933, the department's name was changed to the Department of Agriculture and Inspection. In 1963, it became the Department of Agriculture and Economic Development. In 1967, it became the Department of Agriculture.

The department's duties and organization have changed significantly since 1919. The Division of Game and Fish separated from the department in 1929, and drug inspection was removed in 1941. Licensing of itinerant merchants was removed in 1955.

Many regulatory functions were added to the department's duties. Besides original laws providing for the inspection of all petroleum sold within the state, collection of state gasoline and special fuel taxes was added in 1941, as well as petroleum transport truck regulation and licensing and administration of the Agricultural Refund Law. (Petroleum transport truck regulation and licensing and the Agricultural Refund Law are no longer under the department's jurisdiction.) Licensing of livestock sale rings and frozen food lockers also were added. In 1945, the Division of Potato Development became part of the department.

The 1947 Legislature added the Cigarette Tax Division and the Nebraska Resources Division to the department. It also called for slaughterhouse inspection and antifreeze testing.

The 1955 Legislature added the Oil and Gas Severance Tax Division. The Division of Wheat Development, Utilization and Marketing also was added in 1955, but it later became an agency of its own.

The 1957 Legislature created the Weather Control Commission and assigned its administrative functions to the department.

In 1961, the Legislature created the Auction Livestock Market Board to help administer the auction market licensing law. Corrective legislation in 1963 made several changes, including changing the name to the Livestock Auction Market Board.

In 1965, the Legislature removed petroleum tax collection and inspection and the cigarette and oil severance tax collections from the department.

Also in 1965, the Legislature established the Division of Dairy Trade Practices (no longer a part of the department) and created a predatory animal control program. It authorized the director of agriculture to participate in a rural rehabilitation educational program to help needy farm and ranch youth with education beyond high school.

The 1967 Legislature removed the Resources Division and its role in economic development from the Department of Agriculture and created a new Department of Economic Development. The Legislature also transferred tractor permit and enforcement responsibility from the Railway Commission to the Department of Agriculture.

In 1982, the Legislature discontinued the Weather Control Commission and directed the Department of Agriculture to assume the commission's duties.

In 1988, the Legislature passed the Farm Mediation Act to give agricultural borrowers and lenders a way to resolve financial disputes without litigation. The governor designated the Department of Agriculture to administer the act.

In 1993, the Legislature passed the Nebraska Pesticide Act. This legislation gave the department authority to regulate pesticides in Nebraska.

In 1996, the Legislature repealed the weather modification laws and declared that after Jan. 1, 1997, no new weather control districts could be formed.

In 1998, the Legislature repealed the laws relating to weather control districts and gave natural resources districts the authority to establish weather modification programs. Also in 1998, the Legislature enacted the Buffer Strip Act, which provided incentives to landowners to establish buffer strips on certain types of lands to help reduce the levels of sediment, crop nutrients and pesticides being introduced into surface water resources.

In 1999, the Bureau of Animal Industry was given the authority to establish a more comprehensive Domesticated Cervine Animal Act. That year, the Beginning Farmer Tax Credit Act, directed and developed by the Beginning Farmer Board, also was created to strengthen and share resources between new and established producers.

The Commercial Dog and Cat Operation Inspection Act and the Agricultural Opportunities and Value-Added Partnerships Act were enacted in 2000.

In 2002, the Legislature passed the Agricultural Suppliers Lease Protection Act. The act established a system for resolution of lease disputes arising between railroad property owners and agribusiness tenants and guard against unreasonable lease renewal terms or unjust lease termination.

In 2003, the Legislature enacted a disease control and eradication program for

scrapie in sheep. The Legislature also passed a law authorizing the director of agriculture to establish a process to recognize and assist efforts by counties to maintain or expand their livestock sectors. The director is authorized to designate a county as a livestock friendly county.

In 2005, the Legislature re-enacted the Agricultural Opportunities Value-Added Partnerships Act with the Department of Agriculture providing assistance to the Department of Economic Development in administering the act.

The 2006 Legislature enacted a law to regulate exotic animal auctions and swap meets and expanded the Nebraska Poultry Disease Control Act relating to avian influenza in poultry.

In 2007, the Legislature amended the Commercial Dog and Cat Operator Inspection Act by adding additional requirements and enforcement powers, provided for mediation of fence disputes by the farm mediation service when the adjoining land is utilized as agricultural or horticultural land, adopted a new Bovine Tuberculosis Act and changed the Nebraska Brand Committee to include the Director of Agriculture or his or her designee as an ex-officio member. The Legislature also required the Department of Agriculture, for promotion purposes, to collect an excise tax on grapes sold or delivered in Nebraska, established the Riparian Vegetation Management Task Force relating to vegetation management and treatment with the Department of Agriculture providing administrative assistance and authorized the Department of Agriculture to award grants for management of vegetation to improve streamflow in natural streams.

The 2008 Legislature adopted the Food Supply Animal Veterinarian Incentive Program Act to encourage veterinarians to locate in rural Nebraska and practice food supply animal veterinarian medicine.

In 2009, the Legislature extended the Riparian Vegetation Management Task Force's responsibilities for four more years to June 30, 2013. In addition, the Legislature adopted a new Anthrax Control Act.

The 2010 Legislature expanded the Pesticide Act to include licensing of the aerial pesticide applicator business. In addition, the Legislature repealed assessment of an excise tax on corn and grain sorghum to be used for water resources purposes for the period of Oct. 1, 2012, through Sept. 30, 2019.

In 2011, the Legislature repealed the Agricultural Opportunities and Value-Added Partnerships Act. In addition, the Legislature required the Department of Agriculture to adopt a standard for all honey produced by honey bees. The department also was required to provide a report by Nov. 15, 2011, on actions necessary to implement a state meat and poultry inspection program. The Legislature also eliminated the Nebraska Railway Council, on which a representative of the department served as a member.

In 2012, the Legislature created the Nebraska Invasive Species Council, which includes a representative of the Department of Agriculture.

In 2013, the Legislature eliminated the Livestock Auction Market Board. In addition, the Legislature imposed notification and testing requirements in relation to bovine trichomoniasis in beef or dairy breeding bulls and imposed restrictions on sales or transportation of bulls having a laboratory confirmation of this disease. The Legislature also extended the Riparian Vegetation Management Task Force's authority to June 30, 2015.

The Legislature in 2014 enacted the Exotic Animal Auction or Exchange Venue Act, establishing new requirements on sales of exotic animals and organizers of such events. The Legislature also required the department to provide a report on the dairy industry in Nebraska. Legislation was enacted allowing the growth and cultivation of industrial hemp for research purposes under set parameters and providing the department authority to adopt regulations.

With the 2013-15 budget, the Legislature approved an agency realignment of the Nebraska Department of Agriculture. This realignment consisted of combining the agency's nine divisions into four focus areas, as follows: Administration and Laboratory are now in the Administration - Shared Services Focus Area; Ag Promotion and Development, Poultry and Egg Development, Utilization and Marketing and Potato Development are now included in the Ag Promotion and Development Focus Area; the Bureau of Animal Industry and the Bureau of Plant Industry are now included in the Animal and Plant Health Protection Focus Area; and the Bureau of Dairies and Foods and the Bureau of Weights and Measures are now included in the Food Safety and Consumer Protection Focus Area.

In 2015, the Legislature amended the Commercial Dog and Cat Operator Inspection Act to improve enforcement and further clarify provisions of the act. The Legislature also required the Department of Agriculture to develop an assessment matrix that county officials may use to determine whether to approve or disapprove a conditional use permit or special exception application for a livestock operation. This is to be done in consultation with a committee of experts.

The Legislature reinstated the Riparian Vegetation Management Task Force in 2016. The task force has the same responsibilities as it did when created in 2007, except that efforts are not required to be directed initially toward river basins designated as fully appropriated or over appropriated. The 2016 Legislature also created the Nebraska Craft Brewery Board. The department — at the direction of and in cooperation with the board — is to use the money collected to develop and maintain programs for the research and advancement of the beer brewing process and promotion of both the beer industry and agricultural products grown and produced in Nebraska for the beer industry.

In 2017, the Legislature repealed the Graded Egg Act and the Rangeland Grasshopper Control Act.

Administration - Shared Services

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The Administration - Shared Services Focus Area administers numerous programs within the department. The director and his or her support staff provide leadership, management, direction and supervision to the entire agency.

The Data Center is responsible for providing technical computer services to the agency, including training and support.

Legal provides legal support and advice to the agency regarding regulatory and advocacy activities.

Finance and Personnel provides support services to the director and all divisions in accounting, auditing, budgeting, payroll, personnel and legislative fiscal information. Fiscal services and fee collection are performed for the commodity checkoff programs through administrative service contracts.

The Department of Agriculture works closely with the U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Agricultural Statistics Service, Nebraska Field Office.

Agriculture Laboratories

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In 1967, the Nebraska Department of Agriculture Laboratory was removed from the Bureau of Dairies, Foods and Drugs — now known as the Food Safety and Consumer Protection Focus Area — and given independent division status. Another reorganization in 1975 incorporated the Livestock Disease Control Laboratory and the Seed Laboratory into the Laboratory Division. In 1999, these two sections were combined into one laboratory. Brucellosis was the main testing focus of the Livestock Disease Control Laboratory until the disease was eradicated from cattle in Nebraska in 1995. The laboratory closed in 2004 due to a decline in sample volume. Those desiring a brucellosis test now send samples out of state.

In 2007, the Seed Laboratory merged with the Nebraska Crop Improvement Association (NCIA) and testing functions took place at the NCIA laboratory at 267 Plant Science Hall until 2014, when NCIA ended the memorandum of understanding. Currently, NCIA performs seed testing for the department under a contract.

In 1996, the Residue Laboratory was formed separately from the Dairy and Food Laboratory to perform work under the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) administered by the Environmental Protection Agency. Environmental samples such as soil, water and vegetation were examined for herbicide and pesticide residues. Due to increasing cost, testing services of state samples under FIFRA migrated from Nebraska to the FIFRA program at the Iowa University Hygienic Laboratory in 2008. The FDA Food Emergency Response Network (FERN) awarded a cooperative agreement to the Residue Laboratory in 2009 and shifted the focus of testing from environmental samples to food samples. In 2017, the Residue Laboratory merged with the Dairy and Food Laboratory during a management reorganization that created the Quality Assurance Laboratory section. The section oversees compliance with ISO 17025 for food and feed testing.

Today, the NDA Laboratory continues to provide support services to the Food Safety and Consumer Protection and Animal and Plant Health Protection focus areas by performing chemical, physical, bacteriological, microscopical and serological analyses. These methods evaluate foods, beverages, feeds, fertilizers, agricultural lime, seeds, dairy products and environmental samples.

Currently, there are three laboratory sections in the department.

Ag Promotion and Development

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Ag Promotion and Development (AP&D) Focus Area staff members work to develop markets by coordinating efforts with farmers and ranchers, ag organizations, university and research institutions, other state and national agencies and private businesses. Through various programs and outreach, AP&D strives to create opportunities for ag-related development and profitability. Such efforts include:

- researching and fostering opportunities for marketing a variety of Nebraska agricultural products, as well as disseminating information of importance to the agricultural industry in the state
- assisting with international trade by assessing market potential, connecting buyers and sellers, helping host trade teams and other promotional efforts and assisting companies with import problems at the point of entry
- marketing ag-based products in free online directories that provide consumers with access to information about a variety of Nebraska-based businesses, including fresh produce growers, feedlots, food and meat companies, agri-tourism sites, hay producers and Christmas tree growers
- fostering special initiatives, including the Beginning Farmer Program, the Farm Mediation Program, the Livestock Friendly County Program, the Siting Assessment Matrix and the Nebraska Our Best to You Program

In addition, AP&D coordinates several federal grants that help expand marketing opportunities, particularly for specialty crop and organic growers. These programs include the Specialty Crop Block Grant Program and the Senior Farmers Market and Women, Infants and Children Farmers Market Nutrition programs.

The focus area also is responsible for oversight of the poultry and egg checkoff program and the potato checkoff program.

Nebraska Grape and Winery Board

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The 2000 Legislature created the Nebraska Grape and Winery Board to create programs that develop and advance the state's grape and wine industry. These programs provide grape producers and winery owners with the resources to learn how to grow, sell, market and promote their grape and wine products.

The board consists of five members appointed by the governor on a nonpartisan basis. Board members must be Nebraska residents who are at least 21 years old and either engaged in or previously engaged in wine or grape production or research in this state. At least two board members must be members of the Nebraska Winery and Grape Growers Association. In addition, the state director of agriculture or his or her designee and the vice chancellor of the University of Nebraska Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources or his or her designee serve as nonvoting ex officio members.

Member	Term Expires
Jim Ballard, Raymond.....	June 7, 2021
David Hanna, Lexington.....	June 7, 2021
Max McFarland, Lexington	June 7, 2021
Terry Ryan, Gibbon.....	June 7, 2021
Michael Schilling, Pawnee City.....	June 7, 2021
Hector L. Santiago Anadon, Lincoln... University of Nebraska Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources.....	Ex Officio
Casey Foster, Lincoln	Department of Agriculture.....Ex Officio

Nebraska Craft Brewery Board

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The 2016 Legislature created the Nebraska Craft Brewery Board to maintain programs for the research and advancement of the beer brewing process and the marketing and promotion of the state's beer industry and agricultural products and byproducts grown and produced in Nebraska for use in the beer industry.

The board consists of seven members appointed by the governor on a nonpartisan basis. Members must be residents of Nebraska, at least 21 and either engaged in or previously engaged in the manufacture or wholesale or retail sale of beer in the state or the production of agricultural products used in the brewing process.

At least two board members are selected by the governor from a list submitted by the Nebraska Craft Brewers Guild, and at least two members from a list submitted by the Associated Beverage Distributors of Nebraska. The director of agriculture and the executive director of the Nebraska Tourism Commission or their designees serve as nonvoting ex officio members.

Member	Term Expires
Nathan Bell, Broken Bow.....	July 6, 2019
Mark Jagels, Davenport.....	July 6, 2019
Adam Kosmicki, Lincoln.....	July 6, 2019
Bruce Nelsen, Omaha	July 6, 2019
David Tims, Omaha	July 6, 2019
Zachary Triemert, Omaha	July 6, 2019
Annette Wiles, Plattsmouth.....	July 6, 2019
Casey Foster, Lincoln	Department of Agriculture.....Ex Officio
Karen Kollars, Kearney.....	Nebraska Tourism Commission.....Ex Officio

Farm Mediation Service

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Statutory Reference: 2-4801 to 2-4815

Since 1988, the Farm Mediation Service has assisted Nebraska landowners, farmers, ranchers, agricultural lenders and state and federal Department of Agriculture agencies in resolving disputes in a confidential and nonadversarial setting outside the traditional legal system. A mediation may be requested by a Nebraska agricultural landowner concerning

a property fence dispute, a Nebraska agricultural borrower or creditor concerning an agricultural credit issue or a Nebraska producer concerning an adverse decision given them by a USDA agency.

Mediation is a process in which a neutral third party facilitates discussion between a farmer or rancher and the other party in a dispute. The mediation process identifies issues, develops possible solutions and works out a mutual agreement. Prior to mediation, both parties are offered no-cost education at individual sessions to learn about the mediation process, farm law and financial options that are available to them. A personal financial analysis and preparation for mediation also is offered at no cost to aid in developing options.

Beginning Farmer Program

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Statutory Reference: 77-5201 to 77-5214

The Beginning Farmer Tax Credit Act was passed by the Legislature in 1999 and amended in 2000, 2006, 2008 and 2009. This act provides a personal property tax exemption for a beginning farmer who applies for and receives a Beginning Farmer Eligibility Certificate. The act also provides a tax credit for owners of agricultural assets such as land, machinery and livestock facilities as an incentive to rent their assets to a beginning farmer who has met specific eligibility requirements.

All beginning farmers who meet the eligibility guidelines of the Beginning Farmer Tax Credit Act may apply for the personal property tax exemption. An eligibility certificate is sent upon receipt of an eligible application. This may be presented to their county assessor for acceptance and approval of a personal property tax exemption of up to \$100,000 valuation of their agricultural machinery.

The owner of agricultural assets receives a refundable tax credit equal to 10 percent of the cash rent paid by the beginning farmer or 15 percent of the owner's gross receipts resulting from a share crop rental agreement with the beginning farmer. The owner is encouraged to become a mentor and share his or her expertise with the beginning farmer. The beginning farmer attends a financial management class to ensure his or her knowledge of farm records management and participates in other board-sponsored activities.

The board of directors is appointed by the governor and develops and directs the programs, approves and certifies the participants and advocates for the farmers as part of their duties.

Members	Represents	Term Expires
Don Anthony, Lexington.....	District 3 Producer.....	July 16, 2019
Nadine Hagedorn, West Point	Lending Community	July 16, 2019
Brad Lubben, Lincoln	Academia.....	July 16, 2019
Ryan Ueberhein, Elkhorn	District 2 Producer.....	July 16, 2019
Tyler Weborg, West Point	District 1 Producer.....	July 16, 2019
Tony Fulton, Lincoln.....	Department of Revenue.....	Nonexpiring
Steve Wellman, Syracuse	Department of Agriculture.....	Nonexpiring

Nebraska Agricultural Youth Council

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The Nebraska Department of Agriculture supports and enhances Nebraska's agriculture industry through educational activities that teach Nebraska youth about the role of agriculture through educational services, public relations and public information.

The Nebraska Agricultural Youth Institute (NAYI) is a five-day summer conference designed to introduce high school juniors and seniors to agricultural issues, leadership skills and career opportunities. NAYI is held in July and is organized by the Nebraska Agricultural Youth Council (NAYC) through the Department of Agriculture. Other NAYC projects include ag week promotion, elementary school visits, NAYI-Omaha and the Urban Youth Farm Tour.

Potato Development Program

Statutory Reference: 2-1802

The Potato Development Program was established as part of the Department of Agriculture by the 1945 Legislature. Under the guidance of the Potato Development Committee, the program contracts with universities for research activities and conducts market promotion and development activities for potatoes for food and seed.

The 1969 Legislature updated a statute calling for a potato inspection grading service. As a service to the potato industry, the program helps the Potato Certification Association of Nebraska conduct an inspection program on Nebraska-certified seed potatoes. In addition, the division provides potato grading services, which are funded by user fees, as requested.

The division's activities are paid for by a tax on Nebraska-grown potatoes. The tax, originally one-half cent per 100 pounds, currently is 1 cent per 100 pounds. The tax is collected from licensed potato shippers. Any shipper selling at least 180,000 pounds of potatoes a year (including growers not selling through licensed shippers) is defined as a shipper for tax purposes.

Nebraska Potato Development Committee

Statutory Reference: 2-1803

The Nebraska Potato Development Committee provides rules, regulations and guidance for the Potato Development Program. The committee advises the director of agriculture on appointing the program head and his or her deputies, if needed.

The committee consists of three potato shippers and four potato growers, appointed by the governor for two-year terms; the director of agriculture, who serves as chairperson; and the vice chancellor of the University of Nebraska Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources, as an ex officio member.

The committee meets at least two times a year. Members are not paid but are reimbursed for their expenses.

Member	Position	Term Expires
James R. Allen, Alliance	Potato Grower.....	Aug. 1, 2019

Tyler Backemeyer, Columbus.....	Potato Grower.....	Aug. 1, 2019
Dean Bair, Alliance.....	Potato Shipper.....	Aug. 1, 2019
Eric Beringer, O'Neill.....	Potato Shipper.....	Aug. 1, 2018
Jeffrey J. Collins, Bridgeport.....	Potato Grower.....	Aug. 1, 2018
Tim May, Imperial.....	Potato Grower.....	Aug. 1, 2018
Brian Zens, Kearney.....	Potato Grower.....	Aug. 1, 2019
Michael Boehm, Lincoln.....	Institute of Agriculture & Natural Resources.....	Ex Officio
Steve Wellman, Syracuse (Chairperson)	Director of Agriculture	Ex Officio

**Poultry and Egg Development,
Utilization and Marketing**

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Statutory Reference: 2-3402

The Poultry and Egg Development, Utilization and Marketing Program was created in 1976 with the passage of the Poultry and Egg Resources Act by the Legislature. The division works with public and private organizations to conduct programs enhancing the image of poultry, eggs and related products. These endeavors include consumer education, research, advertising, promotion, utilization and market development. A voluntary checkoff fee of up to 5 cents per case of eggs and 3 cents per marketed turkey may be assessed to run these programs.

**Nebraska Poultry and Egg Development,
Utilization and Marketing Committee**

Statutory Reference: 2-3404

The Nebraska Poultry and Egg Development, Utilization and Marketing Committee advises the director on poultry and egg industry issues. State law calls for the elected directors of Nebraska Poultry Industries Inc. to serve as committee members. Ex officio committee members may include, but are not limited to, the following: the state director of agriculture; the vice chancellor of the University of Nebraska Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources; the UNL Department of Animal Sciences chairperson; a Department of Animal Sciences poultry specialist; the Nebraska Poultry Industries general manager; and a consumer organization representative.

Member	Position
William Bevans, Waverly.....	Director
Joe Brown, Wakefield	Director
William Claybaugh, Carroll.....	Director
Julie Kelly, Wakefield.....	Director
Brent Nelson, Manhattan, Kan.	Director
Greg Nelson, Manhattan, Kan.	Director
Jason Perdue, York.....	Director
Ken Potter, Rising City.....	Director
Jim Sechrist, Bonner Springs, Kan.	Director
John Svoboda, David City	Director

John Toney, Omaha	Director
Steve Welch, Grand Island.....	Director
Dennis Hughes, Lincoln.....	Deputy State Veterinarian (Ex Officio)
Clint Krehbiel, Lincoln.....	Animal Science Department, UNL (Ex Officio)
Sheila Purdum, Lincoln.....	Extension Poultry Specialist, UNL (Ex Officio)
Don Reynolds, Lincoln	Veterinary Medicine& Biomedical Sciences, UNL (Ex Officio)
Kathi Schildt, Milford.....	Nebraska Poultry Industries (Ex Officio)
Kylie Schildt, Milford.....	Nebraska Poultry Industries (Ex Officio)
Bob Storant, Lincoln	Department of Agriculture (Ex Officio)
Jayne Stratton, Lincoln.....	Extension Food Safety Specialist, UNL (Ex Officio)
Curtis Weller, Lincoln.....	Food Science and Technology, UNL (Ex Officio)
Steve Wellman, Syracuse	Director of Agriculture (Ex Officio)

Animal and Plant Health Protection

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Statutory Reference: 81-202

In 2013, the Nebraska Department of Agriculture combined two previously separate divisions into one focus area – combining the Bureau of Plant Industry and the Bureau of Animal Industry to create the Animal and Plant Health Protection (APHP) Focus Area.

Livestock health was first vested in a Livestock Sanitary Board created in 1885 that consisted of a three-member, governor-appointed commission and a state veterinary surgeon. The 1901 Legislature repealed the 1885 act and made the governor the state veterinarian with power to appoint a deputy to perform the work of the office. In 1913, power was given to a five-member board with the governor as state veterinarian. The 1919 Legislature created the Bureau of Animal Industry as part of the new Department of Agriculture, with the state veterinarian in charge of the bureau. The state veterinarian continues to oversee livestock programming duties under the current APHP Focus Area, which includes the control and eradication of diseases that affect Nebraska livestock.

The ongoing work of the animal health protection programming sector of the APHP Focus Area includes regulation of health requirements for animals imported into, or moving within, the state. Animal movement is one of the primary surveillance functions of this area. In conjunction with our state's import program, which collects animal movement data, the focus area also works with the federal animal identification system.

Licensing programs within the animal programming sector of APHP includes annual licensing and inspection processes for livestock dealers, livestock markets, rendering facilities and pet food facilities.

The department collaborates with the U.S. Department of Agriculture to control and eradicate livestock diseases, federally referred to as “program diseases,” such as brucellosis, tuberculosis, pseudorabies, scrapie, chronic wasting disease, swine enteric

coronavirus disease, equine infectious anemia, avian influenza, equine piroplasmosis and salmonella pullorum.

The animal programs for APHP also are charged with implementing licensing programs for domesticated cervine animal facilities and commercial dog and cat facilities. Homeland security efforts through outreach activities on production biosecurity, management practices, foreign animal disease education and participation in emergency response activities are supported in the agency. These functions also address production food safety issues at different levels from production to slaughter.

Focus area veterinarians serve as consultants for practicing veterinarians in Nebraska on matters such as emerging disease issues, federal and state regulatory requirements, emergency response and auction market work. They also record and monitor animal health issues related to exotic animal auctions and swap meets.

Plant health protection programming areas consist of the following programs: plant certification and inspection; feed, fertilizer and agricultural lime; pesticides; entomology; noxious weed control; and seed.

The focus area administers the apiary, plant protection and plant pest, commercial feed, commercial fertilizer and soil conditioner, agricultural liming materials and pesticide, seed and noxious weed control laws.

The export certification program helps facilitate the export of plants and plant products by inspecting and certifying shipments for interstate and international markets. This program also helps facilitate the shipment of corn, sorghum, broom corn and sudan grass grains to areas with a European corn borer quarantine in effect.

The feed, fertilizer and agricultural lime program has a staff of field inspectors who sample commercial and custom-mixed feeds, fertilizers and agricultural liming materials to assure customers that products meet label guarantees. Samples are submitted to the Nebraska Agricultural Laboratory, where they are analyzed and compared to label guarantees. The inspectors also routinely inspect firms that handle these products to make certain the firms are using good manufacturing practices in their operations.

The focus area also has developed a program to prevent the introduction and spread of BSE, also known as "mad cow disease." Inspections are performed and feeds are tested to make certain that prohibited materials, including meat and bone meal derived from ruminants, are not being fed to ruminant animals. An outreach program also has been developed to provide information to the public on what can be done to prevent the introduction of BSE.

The entomology program is responsible for preventing harmful plant pests from being introduced and becoming established in Nebraska. This is accomplished by conducting statewide detection surveys for plant pests, inspecting plant material and educating industry on exotic and invasive plant pest issues.

The pesticide program regulates the distribution, use, storage, application and disposal of pesticides. Under a cooperative agreement with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the program enforces provisions of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act. Programs are developed to implement various provisions of this act that deal with endangered species, worker protection and groundwater.

The 1998 Legislature passed the Nebraska Buffer Strip Act. The intent of the act

was to develop a program providing incentives to landowners who establish buffer strips on certain types of lands to reduce the levels of sediment, crop nutrients and pesticides being introduced into surface water resources. Landowners who desire to participate in the buffer strip program are eligible to receive payments of up to \$250 per acre for up to 10 years. Landowners whose lands are accepted into the program are required to enter into agreements with their natural resources districts. This includes agreeing to maintain the lands according to the contract requirements.

The seed program provides for the collection of samples of agricultural seeds, lawn grass seed and vegetable seed. Samples collected are submitted to the Nebraska Crop Improvement Association Laboratory, where tests for purity, germination, content of noxious weed seed and other special tests are performed.

The noxious weed program protects Nebraskans from the threat posed by noxious weeds. The director of agriculture designates which plants are considered noxious and determines what control measures to use. The inspection staff evaluates county noxious weed programs, conducts annual county noxious weed surveys and responds to reports of uncontrolled noxious weed infestations. The program provides assistance to county weed control programs when training is needed for county weed superintendents.

Wildlife Services (Animal Damage Control)

The Nebraska Department of Agriculture has a contractual agreement with the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Wildlife Services (formerly Animal Damage Control) to carry out wildlife services in Nebraska.³

Wildlife Services provides operational and educational help to requesting landowners and public or private agencies within participating counties to control predatory mammals, field rodents, commensal rodents and birds.

Wildlife Services helps farmers and ranchers protect livestock from predatory animals. Services are provided to municipalities needing assistance with nuisance situations. One example would be the removal of large birds near airports if the birds present safety concerns for aircraft.

Market News

Market News is a cooperative effort with USDA Market News Service to expand livestock auction feeder cattle market price reporting at a comparable level to surrounding states. Eleven additional markets were added as a result of this agreement.

Food Safety and Consumer Protection (FSCP)

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Food regulation in Nebraska began in 1899 with the creation of a Food Commission. In 1907, the commission became the Food, Dairy and Drug Commission. The duties of oil inspector, first established in 1887, were added to the commission in 1913. The governor was the commissioner and appointed a deputy, a state chemist

³For more information about U.S. Wildlife Services, see Page 96.

and other employees.

The duties of the defunct Hotel Commission were added by the 1917 Legislature. This involved regulation of hotels, rooming houses, apartments and restaurants.

In 1937, the Legislature changed the bureau's name to the Bureau of Dairies, Foods and Drugs when a law concerning milk and cream testing was rewritten. Drug regulation was vested with the Department of Health in 1941.

The bureau enforced bingo laws from 1959 to 1965 after the 1959 Legislature legalized the game. Bingo law regulation was then transferred to the state tax commissioner's office.

The Department of Agriculture was reorganized by the director in 1967 to transfer administration of feed, fertilizer and poison laws to the Bureau of Plant Industry. Administration of livestock remedies law was transferred to the Bureau of Animal Industry. Also, the department laboratory was given division status.

In 1967, the Legislature passed the Nebraska Egg Law, which set standards for eggs consistent with those established by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. The act was paid for by a license fee and an inspection fee based on the volume of eggs handled. The law was updated in 1969 with a new licensing and inspection fee schedule. The 1969 act further required mandatory coding and dating of consumer packages of eggs.

In 1981, all previous food laws, with the exception of the Graded Egg Act, adopted in 1977, were repealed by the Legislature and replaced by the Nebraska Pure Food Act. The Graded Egg Act was repealed in 2017.

The Nebraska Pure Food Act, last revised in 2017, regulates food establishments, food processors and salvage operations in the state. The types of establishments licensed and inspected include restaurants, taverns, grocery stores, bakeries, food processors, food storage establishments, mobile food units and push carts, vending, temporary food establishments, salvage operations and itinerant food vendors.

In 2007, legislation combined the Manufacturing Milk Act and the Grade A Milk Law into one, which is now known as the Nebraska Milk Act. The act retains the farm requirements for manufacturing farms but makes milk processing and various other requirements equivalent to those found in the FDA/PHS Pasteurized Milk Ordinance. In addition, the law modified permit fees and the way inspection fees are calculated. This change is more equitable, spreads costs to all of the industry and provides some flexibility to raise or lower fees as necessary to maintain the program.

In 2013, Nebraska law was brought in line with federal requirements that enable the industry to ship milk and milk products through interstate commerce.

The FSCP contains the Weights and Measures Program, formerly the Weights and Measures Division. When the Department of Agriculture was created in 1919, the Division of Weights and Measures became part of the Bureau of Markets and Marketing. The division checked commercial weighing and measuring devices for statewide accuracy. Though packaged products were not widely used, the division monitored the products for accurate quantity and continues to do so today. Prepackaging now is common, with the variety of packaged commodities numbering in the millions.

In the mid-1940s, the division became part of the Bureau of Dairies and Foods, where it remained until 1972. The division's activities were sporadic and were conducted

by the Bureau of Dairies and Foods and the Bureau of Plant Industry. In 1970, staff members were hired specifically for weights. In 1971, the Nebraska Standards Laboratory was created with the capability of making precise calibrations of standards of mass, length and volume.

After a new weights and measures law was passed in 1972, inspection duties were given to one section for administration. In 1974, the Weights and Measures Division became a division within the Department of Agriculture. That same year, a regulation for the Voluntary Registration of Service Agencies and Servicemen for Commercial Weighing and Measuring Devices was adopted, as well as a regulation pertaining to requirements for pit scales that set minimum standards for construction. In 1982, the pit regulations were updated, and regulations were added regarding pitless-type scale installations. In 1991, the regulations again were updated to recognize advancements in technology and require only weighing and measuring devices that hold a national-type evaluation program certificate of conformance to be used in commerce.

The current Weights and Measures Program protects the integrity of commercial measurements through certification of weighing and measuring equipment, evaluations of net quantity and pricing representations of packaged commodities and by ensuring that marketing practices provide the ability to make price and quantity comparisons.

The program annually inspects more than 38,500 commercial weighing and measuring units including railroad track and supermarket point of sale scales, meters used to measure bulk deliveries of refined fuels, liquefied petroleum gases and fuel pumps at service stations and convenience stores. In addition, the program annually conducts more than 75,000 random inspections of packaged commodities to verify that these packages contain the net quantity represented by the packer.

The Weights and Measures Program is a member of and actively participates in the National Conference on Weights and Measures and the Central Weights and Measures Association.

Nebraska National Agricultural Rankings*

Rank	Category	Number
1st	Beef and veal exports, 2017	\$1,264,739,056
1st	Cattle on feed, Jan. 1, 2018	2,770,000 Head
1st	Commercial cattle slaughter, 2017	7,463,800 Head
1st	Commercial red meat production, 2017	8,113,200,000 Pounds
1st	Great Northern beans production, 2017	1,200,000 Cwt.
1st	Popcorn production, Census of Agriculture, 2012	353,711,118 Pounds
2nd	Bison inventory, Census of Agriculture, 2012	23,152 Head
2nd	Cash receipts from all livestock and products, 2016	\$12,147,375,000
2nd	Cattle and calves - all, Jan. 1, 2018	6,800,000 Head
2nd	Hay production - all, 2017	6,159,000 Tons
2nd	Light red kidney bean production, 2017	176,000 Cwt.
2nd	Pinto bean production, 2017	2,115,000 Cwt.
2nd	Proso millet production, 2017	2,349,000 Bushels
3rd	Cash receipts from all farm commodities, 2016	\$21,558,070,000
3rd	Corn exports, 2016	\$1,162,600,000
3rd	Corn for grain production, 2017	1,683,300,000 Bushels
3rd	Dry edible bean production - all, 2017	3,901,000 Cwt.
4th	Alfalfa hay production, 2017	3,279,000 Tons
4th	Beef cows - all, Jan. 1, 2018	1,910,000 Head
4th	Farm marketing cash receipts, 2014	\$24,655,934,000
4th	Land in farms and ranches, 2017	45,200,000 Acres
4th	Soybean production, 2017	326,025,000 Bushels
5th	Agricultural exports, 2016	\$6,583,500,000
5th	Cash receipts from all crops, 2016	\$9,410,695,000
5th	Egg exports, 2017	\$27,981,246
5th	Pork exports, 2017	\$479,016,596
5th	Sorghum for grain production, 2017	12,015,000 Bushels
5th	Soybean exports, 2016	\$1,661,800,000
5th	Sugarbeet production, 2017	1,437,000 Tons
6th	Commercial hog slaughter, 2017	8,005,800 Head
6th	Cropland, Census of Agriculture, 2012	21,597,393 Acres
6th	Hogs and pigs - all, Dec. 1, 2017	3,600,000 Head
7th	Sunflower production, 2017	69,090,000 Pounds
8th	Winter wheat production, 2017	46,920,000 Bushels

* Source: USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service.

Crop Production in Nebraska, 1953-2017*

Year	WHEAT			CORN FOR GRAIN		
	Harvested Acres	Production in Bushels	Value	Harvested Acres	Production in Bushels	Value
1953.....	3,856,000	85,980,000	178,838,000	6,646,000	196,057,000	288,204,000
1954.....	3,107,000	60,093,000	129,801,000	6,497,000	188,413,000	275,083,000
1955.....	3,141,000	78,255,000	156,510,000	4,775,000	95,500,000	137,520,000
1956.....	3,324,000	64,698,000	128,741,000	4,037,000	94,870,000	129,023,000
1957.....	2,920,000	78,741,000	151,172,000	4,718,000	219,387,000	239,132,000
1958.....	3,442,000	113,488,000	197,463,000	5,415,000	276,165,000	309,305,000
1959.....	3,104,000	68,204,000	120,023,000	6,558,000	318,063,000	327,605,000
1960.....	3,011,000	85,712,000	148,263,000	6,538,000	333,438,000	326,769,000
1961.....	3,220,000	78,807,000	140,276,000	5,296,000	275,392,000	305,685,000
1962.....	2,760,000	53,820,000	104,411,000	5,031,000	304,376,000	337,857,000
1963.....	2,815,000	60,522,000	110,755,000	5,031,000	286,767,000	309,708,000
1964.....	2,871,000	70,340,000	93,552,000	3,793,000	204,822,000	237,594,000
1965.....	2,727,000	54,540,000	72,538,000	3,565,000	249,550,000	291,974,000
1966.....	2,860,000	100,100,000	163,163,000	4,100,000	328,000,000	390,320,000
1967.....	3,265,000	86,523,000	114,210,000	4,510,000	333,740,000	350,427,000
1968.....	3,070,000	98,240,000	114,941,000	4,239,000	313,686,000	341,918,000
1969.....	2,650,000	83,495,000	97,666,000	4,620,000	434,280,000	473,365,000
1970.....	2,410,000	91,580,000	111,728,000	4,828,000	366,928,000	458,660,000
1971.....	2,434,000	102,228,000	126,763,000	5,300,000	450,500,000	500,055,000
1972.....	2,509,000	92,833,000	161,529,000	5,135,000	534,040,000	817,081,000
1973.....	2,680,000	93,800,000	356,440,000	5,900,000	554,600,000	1,336,586,000
1974.....	2,900,000	98,600,000	395,666,000	5,700,000	399,000,000	1,165,080,000
1975.....	3,070,000	98,240,000	333,034,000	5,920,000	503,200,000	1,247,936,000
1976.....	2,950,000	94,400,000	224,672,000	6,100,000	518,500,000	1,068,110,000
1977.....	2,950,000	103,250,000	229,215,000	6,550,000	648,450,000	1,277,447,000
1978.....	2,550,000	81,600,000	227,664,000	6,750,000	762,750,000	1,693,305,000
1979.....	2,550,000	86,700,000	319,056,000	7,150,000	822,250,000	2,039,180,000
1980.....	2,850,000	108,300,000	413,706,000	7,100,000	603,500,000	1,858,780,000
1981.....	2,900,000	104,400,000	384,192,000	6,880,000	791,200,000	1,954,264,000
1982.....	2,900,000	101,500,000	340,025,000	6,800,000	748,000,000	2,109,360,000
1983.....	2,300,000	98,900,000	331,315,000	4,850,000	470,450,000	1,472,509,000
1984.....	2,250,000	81,000,000	266,490,000	6,950,000	806,200,000	2,079,996,000
1985.....	2,300,000	89,700,000	250,263,000	7,450,000	953,600,000	2,116,992,000
1986.....	2,000,000	76,000,000	169,480,000	7,000,000	896,000,000	1,361,920,000
1987.....	1,950,000	85,800,000	210,210,000	6,200,000	812,200,000	1,591,912,000
1988.....	2,000,000	72,000,000	263,520,000	6,600,000	818,400,000	2,029,632,000
1989.....	2,050,000	55,350,000	207,563,000	7,000,000	847,000,000	1,948,100,000
1990.....	2,250,000	85,500,000	216,315,000	7,300,000	934,400,000	2,130,432,000
1991.....	2,100,000	67,200,000	202,272,000	7,800,000	990,600,000	2,318,004,000
1992.....	1,850,000	55,500,000	175,380,000	7,900,000	1,066,500,000	2,228,985,000
1993.....	2,100,000	73,500,000	223,440,000	7,550,000	785,200,000	1,978,704,000
1994.....	2,100,000	71,400,000	242,046,000	8,250,000	1,146,750,000	2,671,928,000
1995.....	2,100,000	86,100,000	392,616,000	7,700,000	854,700,000	2,752,134,000
1996.....	2,100,000	73,500,000	315,315,000	8,250,000	1,179,750,000	3,114,540,000
1997.....	1,900,000	70,300,000	224,960,000	8,600,000	1,135,200,000	2,633,664,000
1998.....	1,800,000	82,800,000	210,312,000	8,550,000	1,239,750,000	2,330,730,000
1999.....	1,700,000	81,600,000	179,520,000	8,300,000	1,153,700,000	2,018,975,000
2000.....	1,650,000	59,400,000	155,034,000	8,050,000	1,014,300,000	1,927,170,000
2001.....	1,600,000	59,200,000	162,800,000	7,750,000	1,139,250,000	2,210,145,000
2002.....	1,520,000	50,160,000	180,576,000	7,350,000	940,800,000	2,182,656,000
2003.....	1,820,000	83,720,000	269,578,000	7,700,000	1,124,200,000	2,686,838,000
2004.....	1,650,000	61,050,000	197,192,000	7,950,000	1,319,700,000	2,665,794,000
2005.....	1,760,000	68,640,000	230,630,000	8,250,000	1,270,500,000	2,439,360,000
2006.....	1,700,000	61,200,000	279,684,000	7,750,000	1,178,000,000	3,534,000,000
2007.....	1,960,000	84,280,000	490,510,000	9,200,000	1,472,000,000	6,094,080,000
2008.....	1,670,000	73,480,000	490,846,000	8,550,000	1,393,650,000	5,644,283,000
2009.....	1,610,000	77,280,000	365,534,000	8,850,000	1,584,150,000	5,671,257,000
2010.....	1,490,000	64,070,000	337,649,000	8,850,000	1,469,100,000	7,477,719,000
2011.....	1,480,000	66,000,000	446,220,000	9,600,000	1,536,000,000	9,384,960,000
2012.....	1,300,000	53,300,000	419,471,000	9,100,000	1,292,200,000	8,851,570,000
2013.....	1,140,000	39,900,000	277,305,000	9,550,000	1,613,950,000	7,214,357,000
2014.....	1,450,000	71,050,000	409,959,000	8,950,000	1,602,050,000	6,039,729,000
2015.....	1,210,000	45,980,000	204,611,000	9,150,000	1,692,750,000	6,043,118,000
2016.....	1,310,000	70,740,000	222,124,000	9,550,000	1,699,900,000	5,643,668,000
2017.....	1,020,000	46,920,000	185,534,000	9,300,000	1,683,300,000	5,554,890,000

*Source: USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service.

Crop Production in Nebraska, 1953-2017 (Cont'd.)*

Year	OATS			BARLEY		
	Harvested Acres	Production in Bushels	Value	Harvested Acres	Production in Bushels	Value
1953.....	2,232,000	41,292,000	29,317,000	174,000	3,306,000	3,537,000
1954.....	2,254,000	63,112,000	44,178,000	226,000	3,955,000	4,153,000
1955.....	2,029,000	52,754,000	33,763,000	190,000	3,800,000	3,534,000
1956.....	1,339,000	16,068,000	12,212,000	190,000	2,280,000	2,326,000
1957.....	1,500,000	50,250,000	30,150,000	239,000	7,409,000	5,927,000
1958.....	1,380,000	48,300,000	27,048,000	244,000	6,710,000	5,905,000
1959.....	1,277,000	31,925,000	20,113,000	317,000	6,816,000	4,976,000
1960.....	1,213,000	43,062,000	24,976,000	225,000	6,525,000	4,633,000
1961.....	1,067,000	34,144,000	21,511,000	225,000	6,300,000	5,103,000
1962.....	939,000	30,987,000	19,832,000	117,000	3,042,000	2,525,000
1963.....	845,000	23,238,000	15,105,000	84,000	1,512,000	1,270,000
1964.....	617,000	17,584,000	11,781,000	78,000	1,638,000	1,441,000
1965.....	617,000	24,680,000	16,042,000	37,000	1,110,000	1,010,000
1966.....	543,000	21,720,000	14,770,000	32,000	960,000	941,000
1967.....	483,000	20,010,000	14,287,000	25,000	875,000	831,000
1968.....	464,000	12,760,000	8,549,000	35,000	1,155,000	1,016,000
1969.....	561,000	24,404,000	15,130,000	40,000	1,360,000	1,197,000
1970.....	578,000	24,276,000	15,779,000	45,000	1,620,000	1,442,000
1971.....	517,000	26,367,000	17,402,000	42,000	1,680,000	1,529,000
1972.....	390,000	19,110,000	14,715,000	38,000	1,292,000	1,331,000
1973.....	430,000	21,070,000	24,231,000	30,000	1,080,000	1,890,000
1974.....	535,000	25,145,000	38,220,000	27,000	945,000	2,079,000
1975.....	590,000	28,910,000	41,630,000	33,000	1,188,000	2,435,000
1976.....	660,000	27,720,000	41,580,000	40,000	1,440,000	2,808,000
1977.....	700,000	40,600,000	40,194,000	43,000	1,935,000	3,077,000
1978.....	450,000	21,150,000	25,803,000	29,000	1,102,000	1,873,000
1979.....	400,000	21,200,000	27,984,000	28,000	1,204,000	2,107,000
1980.....	380,000	15,580,000	28,823,000	25,000	950,000	2,185,000
1981.....	395,000	15,800,000	30,178,000	22,000	858,000	1,888,000
1982.....	460,000	26,680,000	38,686,000	22,000	1,100,000	2,200,000
1983.....	310,000	13,640,000	23,052,000	69,000	2,691,000	6,189,000
1984.....	320,000	15,680,000	26,813,000	78,000	2,652,000	5,437,000
1985.....	420,000	25,620,000	29,975,000	120,000	3,840,000	6,336,000
1986.....	360,000	21,240,000	24,001,000	135,000	5,400,000	6,480,000
1987.....	360,000	17,640,000	28,577,000	70,000	2,520,000	3,024,000
1988.....	320,000	12,160,000	29,062,000	60,000	1,920,000	3,648,000
1989.....	240,000	8,640,000	13,478,000	25,000	650,000	1,138,000
1990.....	280,000	13,440,000	15,994,000	22,000	880,000	1,945,000
1991.....	220,000	11,880,000	14,375,000	27,000	1,026,000	1,847,000
1992.....	220,000	15,400,000	20,174,000	17,000	850,000	1,615,000
1993.....	160,000	6,880,000	9,838,000	14,000	532,000	958,000
1994.....	150,000	7,500,000	9,675,000	8,000	304,000	562,000
1995.....	90,000	4,500,000	8,235,000	6,000	222,000	477,000
1996.....	105,000	7,455,000	15,730,000	17,000	901,000	1,937,000
1997.....	90,000	5,850,000	10,472,000	9,000	459,000	1,010,000
1998.....	95,000	5,320,000	6,331,000	8,000	400,000	720,000
1999.....	75,000	4,650,000	5,022,000	3,000	144,000	202,000
2000.....	45,000	1,890,000	2,684,000	5,000	135,000	216,000
2001.....	60,000	3,660,000	5,819,000	4,000	180,000	297,000
2002.....	55,000	2,365,000	4,730,000	4,000	128,000	237,000
2003.....	90,000	6,570,000	10,052,000	4,000	200,000	380,000
2004.....	50,000	3,400,000	5,134,000	3,000	162,000	292,000
2005.....	60,000	4,380,000	7,139,000	-	-	-
2006.....	45,000	2,025,000	4,030,000	-	-	-
2007.....	35,000	2,135,000	6,704,000	-	-	-
2008.....	35,000	2,450,000	8,477,000	-	-	-
2009.....	30,000	2,070,000	4,699,000	-	-	-
2010.....	25,000	1,700,000	5,151,000	-	-	-
2011.....	15,000	945,000	3,553,000	-	-	-
2012.....	18,000	1,026,000	4,319,000	-	-	-
2013.....	25,000	1,625,000	6,793,000	-	-	-
2014.....	30,000	2,400,000	7,224,000	-	-	-
2015.....	40,000	2,680,000	5,896,000	-	-	-
2016.....	25,000	1,500,000	3,375,000	-	-	-
2017.....	35,000	1,715,000	4,459,000	-	-	-

*Source: USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service.

Crop Production in Nebraska, 1953-2017 (Cont'd.)*

Year	SORGHUM FOR GRAIN			SOYBEANS		
	Harvested Acres	Production in Bushels	Value	Harvested Acres	Production in Bushels	Value
1953.....	187,000	2,992,000	3,590,000	105,000	1,942,000	4,991,000
1954.....	540,000	14,580,000	17,788,000	188,000	4,042,000	9,458,000
1955.....	720,000	7,920,000	8,237,000	180,000	1,890,000	3,988,000
1956.....	889,000	12,446,000	14,188,000	146,000	1,679,000	3,526,000
1957.....	1,983,000	77,337,000	74,244,000	142,000	3,692,000	7,199,000
1958.....	1,624,000	76,328,000	78,618,000	206,000	5,974,000	11,590,000
1959.....	1,418,000	61,683,000	48,113,000	146,000	3,504,000	6,482,000
1960.....	1,796,000	90,698,000	72,558,000	164,000	4,592,000	8,908,000
1961.....	1,185,000	59,842,000	59,842,000	292,000	7,446,000	16,158,000
1962.....	1,540,000	101,640,000	101,640,000	310,000	8,370,000	18,665,000
1963.....	1,863,000	102,465,000	94,268,000	356,000	10,146,000	24,553,000
1964.....	1,975,000	90,850,000	89,942,000	523,000	11,506,000	28,535,000
1965.....	2,271,000	121,498,000	110,563,000	696,000	16,356,000	39,582,000
1966.....	2,089,000	142,052,000	136,370,000	745,000	21,978,000	58,022,000
1967.....	2,193,000	123,904,000	110,275,000	782,000	17,595,000	42,932,000
1968.....	1,700,000	98,600,000	86,768,000	782,000	18,377,000	43,737,000
1969.....	1,514,000	110,522,000	106,101,000	766,000	24,895,000	55,765,000
1970.....	1,480,000	75,480,000	81,518,000	812,000	17,864,000	49,662,000
1971.....	2,057,000	123,420,000	114,781,000	609,000	15,225,000	45,523,000
1972.....	1,640,000	118,080,000	161,770,000	707,000	22,978,000	102,712,000
1973.....	2,000,000	136,000,000	284,240,000	1,210,000	36,300,000	194,931,000
1974.....	1,900,000	62,700,000	168,663,000	1,150,000	28,175,000	175,249,000
1975.....	1,900,000	104,500,000	237,215,000	1,200,000	32,400,000	155,844,000
1976.....	2,100,000	119,700,000	215,460,000	980,000	19,600,000	127,008,000
1977.....	2,070,000	146,970,000	257,198,000	1,130,000	40,680,000	233,503,000
1978.....	1,870,000	140,250,000	263,670,000	1,250,000	42,500,000	276,250,000
1979.....	1,920,000	151,680,000	341,280,000	1,610,000	54,740,000	325,703,000
1980.....	2,030,000	121,800,000	347,130,000	1,770,000	53,100,000	384,975,000
1981.....	2,060,000	164,800,000	352,672,000	2,070,000	78,660,000	455,441,000
1982.....	1,760,000	128,480,000	294,219,000	2,250,000	78,750,000	437,700,000
1983.....	1,000,000	61,000,000	162,260,000	2,070,000	58,995,000	452,492,000
1984.....	1,900,000	121,600,000	269,952,000	2,550,000	66,300,000	373,269,000
1985.....	1,930,000	154,400,000	296,448,000	2,360,000	84,960,000	412,906,000
1986.....	1,530,000	136,170,000	183,830,000	2,450,000	93,100,000	424,536,000
1987.....	1,300,000	106,600,000	172,692,000	2,350,000	83,425,000	485,534,000
1988.....	1,360,000	103,360,000	223,258,000	2,360,000	70,800,000	517,548,000
1989.....	1,630,000	101,060,000	205,152,000	2,560,000	81,920,000	446,464,000
1990.....	1,410,000	108,570,000	222,568,000	2,360,000	81,420,000	455,138,000
1991.....	1,350,000	90,450,000	202,608,000	2,460,000	82,410,000	450,783,000
1992.....	1,530,000	143,820,000	260,314,000	2,460,000	103,320,000	554,828,000
1993.....	1,250,000	73,750,000	167,413,000	2,500,000	90,000,000	558,000,000
1994.....	1,200,000	117,600,000	230,496,000	2,860,000	134,420,000	711,082,000
1995.....	980,000	56,840,000	172,225,000	3,060,000	100,980,000	662,429,000
1996.....	1,030,000	97,850,000	228,969,000	3,010,000	135,450,000	973,886,000
1997.....	750,000	60,750,000	130,637,000	3,550,000	143,775,000	902,907,000
1998.....	600,000	56,400,000	94,752,000	3,750,000	165,000,000	796,950,000
1999.....	470,000	42,770,000	64,908,000	4,250,000	180,625,000	807,394,000
2000.....	500,000	35,000,000	64,288,000	4,575,000	173,850,000	771,894,000
2001.....	425,000	35,700,000	64,574,000	4,900,000	222,950,000	934,161,000
2002.....	320,000	16,000,000	37,901,000	4,580,000	176,330,000	957,472,000
2003.....	500,000	31,000,000	72,738,000	4,500,000	182,250,000	1,279,395,000
2004.....	415,000	32,370,000	55,832,000	4,750,000	218,500,000	1,210,490,000
2005.....	250,000	21,750,000	37,149,000	4,660,000	235,330,000	1,306,082,000
2006.....	240,000	18,720,000	58,077,000	5,010,000	250,500,000	1,515,525,000
2007.....	240,000	22,560,000	89,699,000	3,850,000	196,350,000	1,947,792,000
2008.....	210,000	19,110,000	62,069,000	4,860,000	225,990,000	2,212,442,000
2009.....	135,000	12,555,000	39,513,000	4,760,000	259,420,000	2,459,302,000
2010.....	80,000	7,200,000	35,240,000	5,100,000	294,750,000	2,945,250,000
2011.....	90,000	8,640,000	50,803,000	4,840,000	261,360,000	3,136,320,000
2012.....	60,000	3,540,000	23,987,000	4,990,000	207,085,000	2,919,899,000
2013.....	145,000	9,715,000	40,150,000	4,770,000	255,195,000	3,240,977,000
2014.....	160,000	13,120,000	52,679,000	5,330,000	287,820,000	2,800,489,000
2015.....	240,000	23,040,000	74,318,000	5,270,000	305,660,000	2,647,016,000
2016.....	175,000	17,850,000	48,880,000	5,150,000	314,150,000	2,883,897,000
2017.....	135,000	12,015,000	37,006,000	5,670,000	326,025,000	2,950,526,000

*Source: USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service.

Crop Production in Nebraska, 1953-2017 (Cont'd.)*

Year	SUGAR BEETS			ALL HAY		
	Harvested Acres	Production in Tons	Value	Harvested Acres	Production in Tons	Value
1953.....	51,700	789,000	9,130,000	5,391,000	5,529,000	103,604,000
1954.....	60,100	786,000	8,410,000	5,595,000	6,399,000	113,262,000
1955.....	46,300	665,000	7,514,000	5,506,000	5,514,000	103,663,000
1956.....	56,100	848,000	10,939,000	5,339,000	4,966,000	106,272,000
1957.....	59,800	895,000	10,561,000	5,435,000	7,655,000	94,922,000
1958.....	61,100	902,000	11,185,000	5,236,000	7,344,000	71,237,000
1959.....	63,900	1,107,000	13,505,000	4,772,000	6,230,000	92,204,000
1960.....	68,700	1,226,000	15,815,000	4,922,000	6,685,000	100,275,000
1961.....	77,700	1,155,000	14,322,000	4,900,000	6,047,000	100,985,000
1962.....	72,700	940,000	12,314,000	5,227,000	7,433,000	115,212,000
1963.....	83,100	1,594,000	19,766,000	4,809,000	6,602,000	118,836,000
1964.....	86,200	1,407,000	18,150,000	4,724,000	6,272,000	126,067,000
1965.....	66,500	928,000	12,064,000	4,673,000	7,063,000	134,197,000
1966.....	65,200	1,205,000	16,388,000	4,490,000	6,379,000	137,148,000
1967.....	62,900	853,000	12,283,000	4,491,000	6,497,000	126,692,000
1968.....	71,800	1,222,000	18,819,000	4,297,000	6,054,000	133,188,000
1969.....	87,300	1,673,000	19,407,000	4,328,000	6,951,000	142,496,000
1970.....	78,700	1,365,000	20,202,000	4,150,000	6,100,000	128,100,000
1971.....	77,700	1,425,000	23,085,000	4,170,000	6,933,000	145,593,000
1972.....	82,100	1,650,000	29,865,000	4,050,000	7,140,000	171,360,000
1973.....	74,400	1,482,000	53,352,000	4,050,000	7,476,000	242,970,000
1974.....	75,500	1,382,000	69,376,000	3,850,000	6,270,000	282,150,000
1975.....	96,000	1,776,000	51,326,000	3,950,000	6,503,000	292,635,000
1976.....	84,500	1,690,000	35,997,000	3,800,000	5,953,000	315,509,000
1977.....	67,700	1,354,000	36,558,000	3,900,000	7,530,000	252,255,000
1978.....	76,000	1,368,000	38,030,000	3,800,000	7,538,000	263,830,000
1979.....	72,400	1,462,000	49,708,000	3,700,000	7,618,000	312,338,000
1980.....	85,000	1,777,000	83,519,000	3,700,000	7,083,000	389,565,000
1981.....	78,400	1,889,000	63,659,000	3,650,000	7,010,000	417,095,000
1982.....	45,400	926,000	32,317,000	3,700,000	7,855,000	361,330,000
1983.....	65,300	1,233,000	38,963,000	3,650,000	7,635,000	389,385,000
1984.....	67,500	1,480,000	33,596,000	3,700,000	7,695,000	377,055,000
1985.....	53,200	1,229,000	35,027,000	3,300,000	6,755,000	283,710,000
1986.....	59,000	1,387,000	45,078,000	3,450,000	7,388,000	251,192,000
1987.....	60,200	1,102,000	39,121,000	3,100,000	6,865,000	274,600,000
1988.....	62,200	1,319,000	56,981,000	3,400,000	6,510,000	413,385,000
1989.....	62,200	1,169,000	50,501,000	3,200,000	5,705,000	430,228,000
1990.....	71,000	1,491,000	59,789,000	3,650,000	7,205,000	410,548,000
1991.....	78,100	1,578,000	61,542,000	3,600,000	7,473,000	335,856,000
1992.....	77,500	1,387,000	54,925,000	3,450,000	7,793,000	350,570,000
1993.....	79,600	1,473,000	52,586,000	3,450,000	7,323,000	359,011,000
1994.....	74,100	1,504,000	54,896,000	3,300,000	7,415,000	391,490,000
1995.....	72,300	1,186,000	40,798,000	3,150,000	7,200,000	407,700,000
1996.....	51,200	913,000	40,537,000	3,150,000	7,455,000	470,033,000
1997.....	60,300	1,013,000	36,063,000	3,200,000	6,790,000	485,941,000
1998.....	47,400	934,000	32,877,000	3,200,000	7,680,000	363,150,000
1999.....	66,200	1,258,000	41,766,000	3,200,000	7,700,000	286,440,000
2000.....	54,800	1,112,000	32,470,000	2,950,000	5,945,000	409,228,000
2001.....	41,400	840,000	30,996,000	3,200,000	7,400,000	507,230,000
2002.....	42,000	760,000	30,400,000	3,050,000	5,750,000	481,425,000
2003.....	42,400	861,000	36,420,000	3,150,000	7,600,000	407,290,000
2004.....	47,500	1,050,000	41,895,000	2,800,000	6,423,000	323,853,000
2005.....	45,300	924,000	39,824,000	2,850,000	6,945,000	337,970,000
2006.....	57,800	1,347,000	59,942,000	2,750,000	5,588,000	495,484,000
2007.....	44,300	1,041,000	42,056,000	2,650,000	6,185,000	532,455,000
2008.....	37,300	843,000	42,824,000	2,570,000	6,232,000	537,344,000
2009.....	52,600	1,294,000	70,652,000	2,700,000	6,235,000	450,565,000
2010.....	47,500	1,131,000	82,111,000	2,690,000	6,349,000	460,122,000
2011.....	51,600	1,285,000	93,163,000	2,480,000	5,624,000	634,291,000
2012.....	48,900	1,457,000	89,751,000	2,570,000	4,457,000	846,624,000
2013.....	44,200	1,313,000	49,631,000	2,500,000	4,935,000	698,775,000
2014.....	45,900	1,336,000	65,063,000	2,580,000	6,028,000	569,453,000
2015.....	46,800	1,329,000	68,178,000	2,700,000	6,360,000	536,440,000
2016.....	45,200	1,437,000	-	2,450,000	5,748,000	433,490,000
2017.....	47,200	1,411,000	36,545,000	2,630,000	6,159,000	521,988,000

* Source: USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service.

Livestock Inventory in Nebraska, 1953-2017*

Year	CATTLE		SHEEP	
	Number	Value	Number	Value
1953.....	4,992,000	559,040,000	810,000	12,674,000
1954.....	4,752,000	427,680,000	788,000	10,496,000
1955.....	5,065,000	471,045,000	849,000	13,219,000
1956.....	4,759,000	390,238,000	695,000	9,391,000
1957.....	4,455,000	392,040,000	780,000	11,318,000
1958.....	4,533,000	580,224,000	759,000	13,759,000
1959.....	4,886,000	815,962,000	813,000	15,634,000
1960.....	5,072,000	664,432,000	836,000	12,653,000
1961.....	5,134,000	698,224,000	811,000	11,796,000
1962.....	5,434,000	787,930,000	723,000	9,537,000
1963.....	5,773,000	894,815,000	671,000	10,188,000
1964.....	6,048,000	792,288,000	634,000	8,791,000
1965.....	6,077,000	704,932,000	585,000	9,247,000
1966.....	6,259,000	863,742,000	577,000	11,104,000
1967.....	6,377,000	962,927,000	569,000	10,946,000
1968.....	6,394,000	952,706,000	451,000	8,665,000
1969.....	6,330,000	1,006,470,000	393,000	8,535,000
1970.....	6,330,000	1,171,050,000	377,000	9,318,000
1971.....	6,457,000	1,194,545,000	370,000	7,955,000
1972.....	6,780,000	1,457,700,000	366,000	8,601,000
1973.....	6,865,000	1,750,575,000	370,000	9,620,000
1974.....	7,410,000	2,185,950,000	290,000	9,425,000
1975.....	6,900,000	1,035,000,000	240,000	6,960,000
1976.....	6,550,000	1,244,500,000	210,000	7,245,000
1977.....	6,450,000	1,322,250,000	190,000	7,030,000
1978.....	6,500,000	1,560,000,000	237,000	11,613,000
1979.....	6,450,000	2,644,500,000	175,000	11,375,000
1980.....	6,400,000	3,168,000,000	210,000	14,595,000
1981.....	6,850,000	3,116,750,000	250,000	16,375,000
1982.....	7,250,000	2,936,250,000	225,000	12,263,000
1983.....	7,200,000	2,736,000,000	205,000	10,865,000
1984.....	6,900,000	2,760,000,000	195,000	9,750,000
1985.....	6,300,000	2,583,000,000	165,000	8,580,000
1986.....	6,000,000	2,370,000,000	160,000	9,600,000
1987.....	5,800,000	2,378,000,000	173,000	13,148,000
1988.....	5,700,000	2,907,000,000	180,000	14,940,000
1989.....	5,600,000	3,276,000,000	169,000	13,520,000
1990.....	5,700,000	3,391,500,000	177,000	12,744,000
1991.....	5,900,000	4,041,500,000	165,000	11,055,000
1992.....	5,800,000	3,654,000,000	144,000	7,344,000
1993.....	5,900,000	3,953,000,000	136,000	8,568,000
1994.....	6,150,000	4,212,750,000	95,000	6,650,000
1995.....	6,000,000	3,721,000,000	105,000	7,875,000
1996.....	6,500,000	3,250,000,000	105,000	10,080,000
1997.....	6,650,000	3,724,000,000	95,000	8,835,000
1998.....	6,750,000	4,252,000,000	100,000	10,000,000
1999.....	6,700,000	3,819,000,000	105,000	10,290,000
2000.....	6,650,000	4,455,500,000	102,000	11,220,000
2001.....	6,600,000	4,686,000,000	114,000	13,680,000
2002.....	6,400,000	4,416,000,000	101,000	10,908,000
2003.....	6,200,000	4,464,000,000	97,000	11,834,000
2004 ²	6,200,000	5,456,000,000	102,000	13,668,000
2005.....	6,300,000	5,733,000,000	92,000	13,432,000
2006.....	6,500,000	6,370,000,000	106,000	16,112,000
2007.....	6,650,000	5,918,500,000	90,000	12,330,000
2008.....	6,450,000	6,127,500,000	80,000	10,720,000
2009.....	6,350,000	5,524,500,000	71,000	9,372,000
2010.....	6,300,000	5,355,000,000	74,000	9,842,000
2011.....	6,300,000	6,488,000,000	74,000	12,654,000
2012.....	6,450,000	7,998,000,000	77,000	17,633,000
2013.....	6,400,000	7,875,000,000	80,000	15,920,000
2014.....	6,250,000	8,437,500,000	76,000	18,164,000
2015.....	6,250,000	10,000,000,000	81,000	21,141,000
2016.....	6,450,000	9,352,500,000	80,000	18,560,000
2017.....	6,450,000	7,675,500,000	83,000	19,422,000

* Source: USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service.

Livestock Inventory in Nebraska, 1953-2017 (Cont'd.)

Year	CHICKENS		SWINE	
	Number	Value	Number	Value
1953	11,810,000	15,353,000	2,061,000	94,600,000
1954	11,563,000	9,250,000	2,308,000	83,319,000
1955	11,167,000	11,725,000	2,423,000	42,402,000
1956	11,615,000	11,034,000	1,841,000	52,837,000
1957	10,896,000	12,530,000	2,080,000	71,968,000
1958	11,047,000	10,826,000	2,579,000	91,554,000
1959	10,425,000	6,985,000	2,502,000	48,038,000
1960	9,938,000	10,435,000	2,527,000	74,799,000
1961	9,224,000	7,471,000	2,704,000	78,146,000
1962	8,177,000	6,494,000	2,758,000	79,430,000
1963	7,952,000	6,759,000	2,868,000	69,979,000
1964	7,532,000	6,478,000	2,696,000	68,478,000
1965	6,719,000	6,450,000	2,561,000	123,696,000
1966	6,819,000	6,819,000	2,766,000	97,640,000
1967	6,259,000	4,569,000	3,043,000	\$87,334,000
1968	5,343,000	4,595,000	3,226,000	98,070,000
1969	4,979,000	5,228,000	3,000,000	120,600,000
1970	5,230,000	4,969,000	3,691,000	86,739,000
1971	4,812,000	4,379,000	3,322,000	97,999,000
1972	4,427,000	4,427,000	3,300,000	143,550,000
1973	4,630,000	7,408,000	3,455,000	214,210,000
1974	4,450,000	7,788,000	3,050,000	134,200,000
1975	4,250,000	7,225,000	2,700,000	230,850,000
1976	3,830,000	6,894,000	3,100,000	147,250,000
1977	4,090,000	6,953,000	3,150,000	211,050,000
1978	4,200,000	7,350,000	3,650,000	323,025,000
1979	3,930,000	7,074,000	4,150,000	251,075,000
1980	4,000,000	7,600,000	3,900,000	308,100,000
1981	4,150,000	8,093,000	4,100,000	305,450,000
1982	4,050,000	8,303,000	3,800,000	357,200,000
1983	3,850,000	7,315,000	4,000,000	256,000,000
1984	4,000,000	9,000,000	3,700,000	297,850,000
1985	3,970,000	8,933,000	3,900,000	288,600,000
1986	4,000,000	8,600,000	3,950,000	375,250,000
1987	4,450,000	10,680,000	4,050,000	315,900,000
1988	4,150,000	8,093,000	4,150,000	292,575,000
1989	5,250,000	11,550,000	4,200,000	348,600,000
1990	6,200,000	16,740,000	4,300,000	378,400,000
1991	7,900,000	16,590,000	4,500,000	310,500,000
1992	9,250,000	17,575,000	4,600,000	326,600,000
1993	9,000,000	14,400,000	4,300,000	322,500,000
1994	10,600,000	20,140,000	4,350,000	239,250,000
1995	11,005,000	20,910,000	4,050,000	287,550,000
1996	11,493,000	24,135,000	3,550,000	337,250,000
1997	12,126,000	25,465,000	3,500,000	315,000,000
1998	13,129,000	27,760,000	3,400,000	156,400,000
1999	13,864,000	25,538,000	3,000,000	219,000,000
2000	13,895,000	25,011,000	3,050,000	240,950,000
2001	13,704,000	24,667,000	2,900,000	243,600,000
2002	13,474,000	24,745,000	3,000,000	235,000,000
2003	14,223,000	25,601,000	2,900,000	205,900,000
2004	13,972,000	26,547,000	2,850,000	313,500,000
2005	13,813,000	29,007,000	2,900,000	290,000,000
2006	13,165,000	23,697,000	3,050,000	292,800,000
2007	12,257,000	29,965,000	3,350,000	261,300,000
2008	11,505,000	25,311,000	3,350,000	318,250,000
2009	11,773,000	25,901,000	3,050,000	274,500,000
2010	11,592,000	25,592,000	3,150,000	346,500,000
2011	11,290,000	32,741,000	3,100,000	403,000,000
2012	11,382,000	34,146,000	3,000,000	375,000,000
2013	11,477,000	41,317,000	3,050,000	442,250,000
2014	11,554,000	35,817,000	3,200,000	464,000,000
2015	9,442,000	35,880,000	3,300,000	330,000,000
2016	10,660,000	41,574,000	3,400,000	306,000,000
2017	9,549,000	35,331,000	3,600,000	342,234,000

* Source: USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service.

Nebraska Commercial Cattle Slaughter, 2012-2017*

Number of Head¹

Month	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
January	538,700	577,100	583,300	543,500	569,000	583,300
February	518,100	479,800	451,200	478,200	524,000	541,800
March	554,300	518,800	516,900	525,000	598,600	650,000
April	507,600	562,200	544,900	512,300	546,900	552,400
May	599,100	609,200	583,300	537,300	598,200	668,100
June	586,700	578,700	604,500	544,800	654,200	668,600
July	563,300	613,800	584,400	556,300	590,400	603,900
August	623,500	598,900	568,900	550,700	666,800	695,900
September	535,800	557,300	571,500	582,800	627,000	630,300
October	611,900	635,800	608,700	595,400	623,800	643,100
November	572,100	584,800	519,700	564,000	631,600	631,900
December	520,700	552,700	546,400	590,100	606,600	593,300
Total	6,731,800	6,868,900	6,683,700	6,580,300	7,237,100	7,462,500

* Source: USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service.

¹ Monthly numbers may not add up to total due to rounding.

Nebraska Commercial Hog Slaughter, 2012-2017*

Number of Head¹

Month	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
January	673,600	692,400	660,300	692,400	633,200	687,200
February	659,100	592,500	575,800	636,600	640,800	607,800
March	684,100	643,700	563,300	686,200	672,300	683,700
April	624,600	648,700	595,500	654,900	643,300	632,700
May	649,700	613,300	587,200	596,500	633,000	646,000
June	596,800	546,100	533,000	642,500	654,600	650,500
July	615,600	616,600	536,500	641,200	600,600	612,800
August	683,900	647,400	571,300	663,100	712,100	706,900
September	645,200	624,700	600,500	691,800	702,100	694,100
October	742,900	702,500	667,300	684,400	716,900	713,800
November	659,000	633,500	590,500	654,400	702,900	696,300
December	656,400	634,200	657,800	694,100	675,200	671,900
Total	7,890,800	7,595,600	7,139,000	7,938,200	7,987,100	8,003,500

* Source: USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service.

¹ Monthly numbers may not add up to total due to rounding.

Nebraska Agricultural and Horticultural Land and Assessed Value,* 1912-2017**

Year	Total Acres Assessed	Assessed Value ¹		Year	Total Acres Assessed	Assessed Value ¹	
		Total	Av. Per Acre			Total	Av. Per Acre
1912.....	38,094,777	1,143,705,685	30.02	1965	-	1,470,722,492	-
1913.....	40,020,007	1,149,658,970	28.73	1966	-	1,680,167,588	-
1914.....	41,739,991	1,168,479,990	27.99	1967	-	3,669,246,614	-
1915.....	42,583,294	1,181,680,550	27.75	1968.....	44,063,435	3,881,568,864	88.00
1916.....	44,186,146	1,332,301,595	30.15	1969.....	43,694,572	5,345,141,823	122.00
1917.....	45,128,866	1,349,630,240	29.91	1970.....	46,279,247	5,427,710,974	117.00
1918.....	45,140,226	1,356,420,765	30.05	1971.....	45,120,776	5,390,417,415	119.00
1919.....	45,703,561	1,379,883,290	30.19	1972.....	45,734,398	5,453,562,984	119.00
1920	-	2,231,644,795	-	1973.....	43,910,816	5,539,325,951	126.00
1921.....	46,389,534	1,831,048,877	39.47	1974.....	45,384,354	5,614,403,127	124.00
1922.....	46,421,647	1,753,312,309	37.77	1975.....	46,181,535	5,614,731,876	122.00
1923.....	46,487,757	1,797,276,553	38.45	1976.....	44,681,250	5,544,959,785	124.00
1924.....	46,452,035	1,773,564,474	38.18	1977.....	44,301,898	5,746,969,817	130.00
1925.....	46,466,452	1,774,883,955	38.20	1978.....	43,580,731	6,513,965,625	149.00
1926.....	46,611,649	1,775,231,543	38.09	1979.....	45,235,603	10,575,130,059	234.00
1927.....	46,611,594	1,778,440,372	38.15	1980.....	45,411,926	12,302,690,613	271.00
1928.....	46,990,280	1,780,032,546	38.87	1981.....	45,318,422	12,420,321,626	274.00
1929.....	46,622,760	1,782,761,375	38.23	1982.....	45,332,996	12,476,187,818	275.00
1930.....	46,802,438	1,736,632,786	37.10	1983.....	45,432,091	12,563,327,936	277.00
1931.....	46,700,008	1,736,537,692	37.18	1984.....	45,349,478	12,605,580,123	278.00
1932.....	46,811,348	1,435,384,208	30.66	1985.....	45,300,858	12,653,851,842	279.00
1933.....	46,663,197	1,148,126,823	24.53	1986.....	44,997,447	10,801,719,469	240.00
1934.....	46,791,712	1,140,556,070	24.43	1987.....	44,982,531	10,048,549,082	223.00
1935.....	46,758,936	1,140,719,997	24.40	1988.....	44,977,148	10,044,095,177	223.00
1936.....	46,689,217	1,136,629,834	24.34	1989.....	44,973,179	13,509,990,165	300.00
1937.....	46,559,004	1,136,408,362	24.41	1990.....	44,968,234	14,932,726,422	332.00
1938.....	46,538,928	1,132,457,641	24.33	1991.....	44,955,365	14,941,628,961	332.00
1939.....	46,513,633	1,129,400,943	24.28	1992.....	44,952,269	15,067,165,467	335.00
1940.....	46,412,020	1,032,542,666	22.25	1993.....	44,954,824	15,632,689,146	348.00
1941.....	46,443,145	1,032,947,415	22.24	1994.....	44,938,474	15,755,958,953	351.00
1942.....	46,318,850	1,015,787,214	21.93	1995.....	44,911,156	15,927,873,795	355.00
1943.....	44,792,892	1,014,720,112	22.65	1996.....	44,904,241	16,313,358,103	363.00
1944.....	46,229,000	1,011,977,480	21.88	1997.....	44,845,860	16,950,349,716	377.00
1945.....	46,007,166	1,012,107,904	22.00	1998.....	44,861,318	18,148,208,170	405.00
1946.....	46,211,342	1,019,839,596	22.07	1999.....	44,887,776	19,423,637,757	433.00
1947.....	47,362,375	1,020,672,019	21.55	2000.....	44,830,771	20,364,989,503	454.00
1948.....	46,304,492	1,039,775,246	22.45	2001.....	46,231,558	21,206,151,632	459.00
1949.....	46,197,015	1,044,759,818	22.61	2002.....	46,136,711	21,904,383,603	475.00
1950.....	46,180,741	1,050,704,960	22.75	2003.....	46,234,805	22,878,527,654	495.00
1951.....	46,215,244	1,051,439,473	22.75	2004.....	46,191,209	23,893,955,082	517.00
1952.....	46,109,591	1,075,753,423	23.33	2005.....	46,184,758	25,247,883,070	547.00
1953.....	46,192,963	1,289,292,253	27.91	2006.....	46,146,038	27,405,855,640	594.00
1954.....	46,130,684	1,195,564,100	25.92	2007.....	46,091,863	28,247,701,115	613.00
1955.....	46,242,575	1,201,915,450	25.99	2008.....	46,078,247	31,188,979,673	677.00
1956.....	46,058,603	1,197,076,098	26.00	2009.....	46,067,703	35,015,240,244	760.00
1957.....	46,058,603	1,194,160,550	25.93	2010.....	46,053,271	39,170,246,449	850.00
1958.....	46,058,603	1,429,928,290	31.05	2011.....	46,041,470	43,676,096,811	949.00
1959	-	1,219,362,899	-	2012.....	46,034,034	49,269,767,529	1,070.00
1960	-	1,228,721,457	-	2013.....	46,032,974	60,557,058,156	1,315.00
1961	-	1,272,133,884	-	2014.....	46,054,315	78,417,880,221	1,070.00
1962	-	1,293,221,693	-	2015.....	46,050,829	93,546,378,869	1,315.00
1963	-	1,311,309,620	-	2016.....	46,024,254	99,500,980,388	2,161.00
1964	-	1,323,914,363	-	2017.....	45,988,278	99,299,018,541	2,159.00

* Assessed farm land only (leased school land not included.) Values equalized by the State Board of Equalization and Assessment from 1920 to 1996; values equalized by the Tax Equalization and Review Commission since 1997. Between 1920 and 1928, there was some slight difference between the assessed and equalized value. Since 1929, the equalized value is used only as the assessed value.

** Source: Nebraska Department of Revenue, Property Assessment Division.

¹ Up to 1920, the assessed value is 20 percent of actual value. From 1921 to 1952, the assessed value is 100 percent of actual value. From 1953 to 1955, the assessed value is 50 percent of actual value. From 1956 to 1957, the assessed value is 50 percent of base value. From 1958 to 1980, the assessed value is 35 percent of actual value. From 1981 to 1991, agricultural land is assessed at 100 percent of actual value. From 1992 to 2006, agricultural land is assessed at 80 percent of actual value. Beginning in 2007, agricultural and horticultural land is assessed at 75 percent of actual value.

Gross Farm Marketing Cash Receipts, 1993-2017*

Crops

Year	Gross Receipts
1993.....	3,018,574
1994.....	3,110,679
1995.....	3,837,458
1996.....	3,923,448
1997.....	4,298,581
1998.....	3,892,891
1999.....	2,964,716
2000.....	3,040,315
2001.....	3,132,605
2002.....	3,582,302
2003.....	4,076,942
2004.....	3,916,903
2005.....	3,954,962
2006.....	4,562,391
2007.....	6,459,169
2008.....	8,201,337
2009.....	8,796,693
2010.....	8,829,460
2011.....	12,144,658
2012.....	12,694,628
2013.....	-
2014.....	-
2015.....	-
2016.....	-
2017.....	-

* Source: USDA, ERS. All figures are in thousands of dollars. The USDA Census of Agriculture is conducted every five years. The 2017 USDA Census of Agriculture has not yet been released.

Gross Farm Marketing Cash Receipts, 1993-2017* (Cont'd.)

Livestock and Livestock Products

Year	Gross Receipts
1993.....	5,852,969
1994.....	5,398,939
1995.....	5,146,068
1996.....	5,318,685
1997.....	5,507,191
1998.....	5,125,200
1999.....	5,409,618
2000.....	5,916,030
2001.....	6,098,033
2002.....	5,840,333
2003.....	6,870,586
2004.....	7,340,211
2005.....	7,638,474
2006.....	7,792,392
2007.....	8,460,364
2008.....	8,321,154
2009.....	7,271,291
2010.....	8,453,118
2011.....	10,058,359
2012.....	11,771,254
2013.....	-
2014.....	-
2015.....	-
2016.....	-
2017.....	-

* Source: USDA, ERS. All figures are in thousands of dollars. The 2017 USDA Census of Agriculture has not yet been released.

Nebraska Irrigation Statistics, 2007-2014*

County and District	Wells Registered to Jan. 1 2014 ¹	Total Acres Irrigated ²	
		2007	2012
Banner.....	415	16,056	15,173
Box Butte.....	1,296	143,021	141,563
Cheyenne.....	567	51,318	48,677
Dawes.....	86	17,572	21,390
Deuel.....	307	17,853	17,382
Garden.....	396	44,854	35,725
Kimball.....	398	33,283	34,353
Morrill.....	986	144,581	128,633
Scotts Bluff.....	853	155,576	199,195
Sheridan.....	690	56,977	60,699
Sioux.....	362	51,498	39,527
NORTHWEST.....	6,356	732,589	742,317
Arthur.....	91	8,242	12,401
Blaine.....	142	13,650	6,977
Boyd.....	107	4,488	5,221
Brown.....	466	51,923	40,156
Cherry.....	578	44,734	50,879
Garfield.....	233	20,620	22,477
Grant.....	26	1,475	1,703
Holt.....	3,446	339,080	280,234
Hooker.....	32	2,995	3,124
Keya Paha.....	334	18,124	20,138
Logan.....	268	24,756	22,968
Loup.....	131	10,375	8,222
McPherson.....	116	9,675	7,113
Rock.....	716	43,586	36,290
Thomas.....	42	3,208	2,944
Wheeler.....	639	44,072	39,363
NORTH.....	7,367	641,003	560,210
Antelope.....	2,549	261,266	249,735
Boone.....	1,711	173,086	184,700
Burt.....	560	42,938	37,576
Cedar.....	1,297	112,123	139,048
Cuming.....	528	51,158	52,445
Dakota.....	152	20,414	29,301
Dixon.....	256	21,583	23,966
Knox.....	714	51,751	63,949
Madison.....	1,098	107,885	122,039
Pierce.....	1,342	128,897	130,027
Stanton.....	436	31,201	28,398
Thurston.....	140	7,813	11,915
Wayne.....	358	42,736	49,807
NORTHEAST.....	11,141	1,052,851	1,122,906
Buffalo.....	3,607	269,141	240,799
Custer.....	2,253	333,441	261,502
Dawson.....	3,657	263,867	248,463
Greeley.....	853	76,393	88,190
Hall.....	3,974	206,897	207,639
Howard.....	1,142	104,273	115,436
Sherman.....	702	72,256	71,109
Valley.....	595	99,325	93,080
CENTRAL.....	16,783	1,425,593	1,326,218

* Sources: Nebraska Department of Natural Resources and USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service.

¹The USDA Census of Agriculture is conducted every five years. The 2017 USDA Census of Agriculture has not yet been released.

²Represents total acres that have wells or ditch water available and could be irrigated if conditions warrant.

Nebraska Irrigation Statistics, 2007-2014 (Cont'd.)

County and District	Wells Registered to Jan. 1 2014	Total Acres Irrigated ²	
		2007	2012
Butler.....	1,413	117,973	110,839
Cass	52	2,959	3,513
Colfax.....	1,102	62,481	66,796
Dodge.....	1,796	116,051	117,968
Douglas.....	388	13,804	19,770
Hamilton.....	2,985	257,748	235,492
Lancaster.....	384	15,553	21,428
Merrick.....	5,055	163,806	167,430
Nance.....	1,251	69,428	63,316
Platte.....	2,137	208,388	194,037
Polk.....	1,929	164,566	151,016
Sarpy.....	157	11,844	10,385
Saunders.....	1,103	93,428	105,618
Seward.....	1,451	127,433	129,932
Washington.....	149	18,479	17,279
York.....	3,030	254,711	252,439
EAST	24,382	1,698,652	1,667,258
Chase.....	1,432	185,274	159,692
Dundy	1,047	112,676	94,837
Frontier.....	705	53,702	53,286
Hayes.....	519	65,655	57,112
Hitchcock.....	554	18,998	21,491
Keith.....	1,204	116,106	115,304
Lincoln.....	2,297	322,916	239,819
Perkins.....	940	133,393	127,855
Red Willow.....	1,010	55,075	53,127
SOUTHWEST	9,708	1,063,795	922,523
Adams	2,442	203,549	215,269
Franklin.....	1,080	87,295	85,752
Furnas	914	51,894	66,352
Gosper.....	765	81,402	98,765
Harlan	1,102	107,551	93,336
Kearney.....	2,110	216,336	194,547
Phelps.....	2,150	246,754	231,896
Webster.....	739	62,363	55,006
SOUTH	11,302	1,057,144	1,040,923
Clay.....	2,309	218,108	191,700
Fillmore.....	2,158	223,522	210,981
Gage.....	711	59,275	63,795
Jefferson.....	878	80,979	92,769
Johnson.....	241	11,281	14,298
Nemaha.....	146	8,439	11,402
Nuckolls.....	867	61,115	65,246
Otoe.....	67	4,150	8,412
Pawnee.....	4	4,620	7,305
Richardson	59	2,180	4,686
Saline.....	1,277	81,850	108,115
Thayer	1,662	131,413	135,509
SOUTHEAST	10,379	886,932	914,218
TOTAL	97,418	8,558,559	8,296,573

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²Represents total acres that have wells or ditch water available and could be irrigated if conditions warrant.

Nebraska Farm Size, 2012*

County	Number of Farms	Acres of Farmland	Average Size of Farms in Acres	County	Number of Farms	Acres of Farmland	Average Size of Farms in Acres
Adams	567	340,538	601	Jefferson.....	627	352,233	562
Antelope	767	475,017	619	Johnson.....	587	197,632	337
Arthur	85	452,774	5,327	Kearney.....	344	293,608	854
Banner.....	193	422,276	2,188	Keith.....	388	541,266	1,395
Blaine.....	117	402,530	3,440	Keya Paha.....	244	465,741	1,909
Boone.....	646	434,370	672	Kimball.....	402	597,573	1,487
Box Butte.....	466	675,405	1,449	Knox.....	1,080	627,735	581
Boyd.....	266	290,987	1,094	Lancaster.....	1,836	489,023	266
Brown.....	328	725,395	2,212	Lincoln.....	1,168	1,423,398	1,219
Buffalo.....	1,046	580,579	555	Logan.....	149	330,151	2,216
Burt.....	560	309,934	553	Loup.....	138	282,989	2,051
Butler.....	840	370,086	441	Madison.....	753	351,799	467
Cass.....	731	344,869	472	McPherson.....	118	470,820	3,990
Cedar.....	939	466,473	497	Merrick.....	492	235,072	478
Chase.....	342	541,250	1,583	Morrill.....	512	799,003	1,561
Cherry.....	566	3,756,545	6,637	Nance.....	355	208,146	586
Cheyenne.....	555	702,970	1,267	Nemaha.....	451	253,340	562
Clay.....	457	330,534	723	Nuckolls.....	435	349,710	804
Colfax.....	554	257,628	465	Otoe.....	897	387,715	432
Cuming.....	918	362,926	395	Pawnee.....	540	268,815	498
Custer.....	1,352	1,503,594	1,112	Perkins.....	394	556,663	1,413
Dakota.....	243	157,976	650	Phelps.....	405	331,390	818
Dawes.....	493	824,038	1,671	Pierce.....	677	329,181	486
Dawson.....	806	630,466	782	Platte.....	942	426,329	453
Deuel.....	237	276,729	1,168	Polk.....	466	245,268	526
Dixon.....	570	298,996	525	Red Willow.....	405	419,608	1,036
Dodge.....	767	330,044	430	Richardson.....	736	319,179	434
Douglas.....	396	86,123	217	Rock.....	247	644,551	2,610
Dundy.....	251	520,849	2,075	Saline.....	756	361,904	479
Fillmore.....	472	328,386	696	Sarpy.....	396	91,718	232
Franklin.....	338	287,684	851	Saunders.....	1,204	469,462	390
Frontier.....	317	452,108	1,426	Scotts Bluff.....	966	445,217	461
Furnas.....	389	435,711	1,120	Seward.....	992	354,857	358
Gage.....	1,263	534,402	423	Sheridan.....	536	1,534,321	2,863
Garden.....	261	1,026,191	3,932	Sherman.....	414	281,176	679
Garfield.....	226	345,908	1,531	Sioux.....	354	1,224,389	3,459
Gosper.....	260	289,872	1,115	Stanton.....	619	254,418	411
Grant.....	80	493,352	6,167	Thayer.....	432	326,300	755
Greeley.....	389	338,271	870	Thomas.....	87	367,535	4,225
Hall.....	593	329,668	556	Thurston.....	367	247,605	675
Hamilton.....	572	304,395	532	Valley.....	402	349,404	869
Harlan.....	360	312,759	869	Washington.....	821	248,088	302
Hayes.....	235	385,168	1,639	Wayne.....	518	279,951	540
Hitchcock.....	299	399,247	1,335	Webster.....	423	302,253	715
Holt.....	1,279	1,414,445	1,106	Wheeler.....	198	357,134	1,804
Hooker.....	82	436,820	5,327	York.....	541	339,591	628
Howard.....	682	312,234	458	State Totals.....	49,969	45,331,783	907

* Source: USDA 2012 Census of Agriculture, which is conducted every five years. The 2017 USDA Census of Agriculture has not yet been released.

Nebraska Farm Financial and Real Estate Statistics, 1990-2015*

Year	Number of Farms	NET INCOME		GOVT. PAYMENTS		REAL ESTATE
		Total ¹	Per Farm Dollars	Total ¹	Per Farm Dollars	Value/ Acre
1990.....	57,000	2,510	44,027	625	10,959	524
1991.....	56,000	2,274	40,611	491	8,762	517
1992.....	56,000	2,511	44,830	479	8,549	517
1993.....	56,000	2,009	35,866	806	14,398	514
1994.....	56,000	2,243	40,051	348	6,219	550
1995.....	56,000	1,662	29,671	507	9,059	580
1996.....	56,000	3,467	61,902	389	6,942	610
1997.....	55,000	2,023	36,783	455	8,265	620
1998.....	55,000	1,816	33,011	815	14,813	645
1999.....	54,000	1,707	31,609	1,412	26,146	675
2000.....	52,000	1,453	27,944	1,408	27,072	710
2001.....	50,000	1,914	38,283	1,298	25,964	735
2002.....	49,400	867	17,543	539	10,917	760
2003.....	48,500	2,758	56,866	726	14,966	775
2004.....	48,300	3,583	74,182	729	15,092	810
2005.....	48,000	2,971	61,896	1,421	29,604	910
2006.....	47,600	2,007	42,164	812	17,062	1,030
2007.....	47,700	2,944	61,719	464	9,722	1,140
2008.....	48,200	3,993	82,842	519	10,939	1,330
2009.....	48,600	3,156	64,938	419	-. ²	1,320
2010.....	49,500	3,862	81,305	509	-. ²	1,470
2011.....	49,700	7,419	149,276	470	-. ²	1,840
2012.....	50,000	5,952	119,040	480	-. ²	2,420
2013.....	49,600	-. ²	-. ²	-. ²	-. ²	2,800
2014.....	49,100	-. ²	-. ²	-. ²	-. ²	3,120
2015.....	48,700	-. ²	-. ²	-. ²	-. ²	3,050

*Source: USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service, ERS

¹ Amount in hundreds of thousands of dollars

² Not available.

State Athletic Commissioner

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State Athletic Commissioner: Aaron Hendry

Deputy Athletic Commissioner: Brian Dunn

Statutory Reference: 81-8,128

The Office of the State Athletic Commissioner is under the general supervision of the Lottery and Charitable Gaming Division of the Nebraska Department of Revenue.⁴

The commissioner, appointed by the governor for a two-year term, has sole jurisdiction and control over amateur and professional mixed martial arts as well as professional boxing and sparring matches and exhibitions held within the state. Exceptions are events held by universities, colleges, high schools, military branches and events held by recognized amateur associations for contestants under the age of 16.

The commissioner licenses contestants, promoters, managers, seconds, ringside physicians, judges and referees; promulgates rules and regulations governing bouts; controls and supervises ticket sales and the issuing of complimentary tickets; revokes licenses and issues suspensions when necessary; and controls the number of mixed martial arts and professional boxing and sparring matches and exhibitions held in Nebraska. The commissioner and deputy commissioner are assisted by four inspectors in carrying out the duties of the office.

Department of Banking and Finance

Office Address: 1526 K St., Suite 300, P.O. Box 95006 Lincoln, NE 68509-5006, phone (402) 471-2171, website — www.ndbf.ne.gov

Director: Mark Quandahl

Statutory Reference: 81-101

Publications: Annual report, rules, policy statements, interpretative opinions, statutes governing: state-chartered banks, savings and loans, building and loan associations, trust companies, credit unions, licensed lenders, delayed deposit services companies, securities, commodities, seller assisted marketing plans, loan brokers, mortgage bankers, money transmitters and rental purchase agreements. All publications are available on the department's website.

The department began as the State Banking Board in 1895. In 1919, the board's duties were transferred to the Bureau of Banking in the Department of Trade and Commerce. In that same year, regulation of securities was transferred from the Railway Commission to the Department of Trade and Commerce and operated as the Bureau of Securities.

The Department of Banking was made a separate agency in 1933. In 1939, securities enforcement was transferred to the department and, in 1976, the Legislature changed the agency's name to the Department of Banking and Finance. The department is entirely cash funded through assessments and fees collected from the industries it supervises.

⁴For more information about the Lottery and Charitable Gaming Division, see Page 551.

The Department of Banking and Finance:

- charters banks, trust companies, savings and loan/building and loan associations and credit unions
- licenses installment loan, sales finance, delayed deposit services, funds transmission, mortgage banking, broker-dealer and investment adviser firms
- grants individual licenses to bank executive officers, credit union loan officers, mortgage loan originators, broker-dealer agents, issuer-dealer agents and investment adviser representatives
- registers the offer and sale of securities, unless exempt from registration
- administers, enforces and investigates suspected violations of the following Nebraska laws: the Banking Act, Trust Company Act, Bank Holding Company Act, Credit Union Act, Money Transmitters Act, Securities Act, Commodity Code, Installment Sales Act, Installment Loan Act, Loan Broker Act, Delayed Deposit Services Licensing Act, Residential Mortgage Licensing Act, Consumer Rental Purchase Agreement Act and the Seller-Assisted Marketing Plan Act

Department of Correctional Services

Office Address: Folsom and West Prospecter Place, Building 1, P.O. Box 94661, Lincoln, NE 68509-4661, phone (402) 471-2654, fax (402) 479-5623, website — www.corrections.nebraska.gov

Director: Scott R. Frakes

Statutory References: 81-101 and 83-171

The Department of Correctional Services was established as a free-standing agency by the Legislature in 1973. Prior to that, it was part of the Department of Public Institutions.

The governor appoints the agency director. The agency's operating funds come from state general funds, supplemented by federal funds and certain cash funds.

The department's mission is to keep people safe. This mission applies to members of the public, individuals who work for the agency, visitors and those who reside inside agency facilities.

Administrative Divisions

Contact Person: Robert Madsen, Deputy Director, Folsom and West Prospecter Place, Building 1, P.O. Box 94661, Lincoln, NE 68509-4661, phone (402) 471-2654, fax (402) 479-5623

Statutory Reference: 83-922

Divisions under the director include:

- Budget. This division plans, organizes and monitors the department's fiscal allocations and fiscal reporting systems. Fiscal and accounting data are compiled for use in budget evaluation and adjustment, cost analysis and budget projections.
- Communications. This division coordinates external and internal communication on behalf of the department, serves as a point of contact for media inquiries, acts as spokesperson for the department and oversees management of the department's

website and social media.

- **Cornhusker State Industries/Federal Surplus Property.** This division manages the correctional industries program for producing goods and services for state government agencies. The division screens, transfers, administers, markets and places federal surplus property with eligible public and nonprofit organizations in the state. It also plans, supervises and engineers new or remodeled facilities and provides assistance and advice to the department on preventative maintenance.

- **Fiscal Management.** This division coordinates the department's accounting functions, including payments and investment of surplus funds. It is the clearing center for all transfer appropriations and expenditure documents. It also is responsible for inmate trust fund activities, including receipt and disbursement of individual inmate funds, payroll and savings accounts. The division also is responsible for grant award monitoring and reporting. This includes coordinating and managing grant activities from federal, state and other funding sources to support worthy and qualifying projects as well as providing technical assistance to agency staff on all grant activities including: preparation, application, monitoring and reporting. The division reviews and responds to all sub-grantee applications and inquiries and conducts program audits.

- **Health Services.** This division provides health care services via professionally staffed and licensed infirmaries and outpatient clinics. Local hospitals and specialized medical professionals supplement institutional services. Services provided include mental health, substance abuse and psychiatric treatment.

- **Human Talent.** This division oversees and manages employee recruitment, retention, competitive compensation and benefits, training and development, quality improvement, personal mastery, organizational effectiveness, leadership development and employee communication. It also coordinates the Continuous Quality Initiative and supervises the Staff Training Academy.

- **Information Systems.** This division provides department-wide help regarding data management, technical expertise and information retrieval.

- **Legal Services.** This division provides legal advice on various issues including those pertaining to: legislation, record requests, policies and procedures, contracts, staff employment and incarcerated individuals. It also consults and coordinates with other legal departments in the state, county and local governments and represents the department in administrative proceedings.

- **Legislative Coordinator.** This division serves as a point of contact between the Department of Correctional Services, the Governor's Policy Research Office and the Legislature. This division also coordinates all aspects of the legislative process within the department.

- **Process Improvement.** This division falls under the direction and leadership of the human talent director. Since 2016, a team of process improvement coordinators has examined various programs and processes within the department to identify and implement efficiencies to save resources and funding.

- **Purchasing/Inventory/Food Service.** This division coordinates the department's purchasing and inventory operations. In addition, it manages the purchase and inventory of food items, food equipment and commodities, including the provision of contractual

technical assistance with licensed dieticians.

- **Research.** This division researches, gathers information, assists management, evaluates the correctional system, coordinates the department's accreditation process, manages federal grants, coordinates the department's inmate drug testing and drug intelligence programs, conducts research and handles major requests for information.
- **Safety/Sanitation/ADA.** This division conducts inspections and provides assistance in the correction of safety hazards and sanitation needs, provides technical advice and training, develops policy and processes requests for accommodations from employees, inmates and the public.

Programs and Community Services

Contact Person: Michael Rothwell, Deputy Director for Programs, Folsom and West Prospector Place, Building 1, P.O. Box 94661, Lincoln, NE 68509-4661, phone (402) 479-5721, fax (402) 479-5623

Statutory Reference: 83-922

The Division of Programs and Community Services is responsible for:

- **Inmate Classification.** This division assigns individuals to the appropriate degree of incarceration, moves them through the system in a timely manner and identifies and addresses their needs through programming.
- **Records.** This division provides technical assistance for record management and serves as the depository for discharged records.
- **Interstate Corrections Compact.**⁵ This division provides for the transfer of incarcerated individuals from Nebraska to other states and from other states to Nebraska.
- **Programs.** This division develops and oversees volunteer services, education, libraries, recreation and religion on a department-wide basis to ensure consistency.
- **Community Programs/Services.** This division oversees the Community Corrections Centers, the Work Ethic Camp, the Nebraska Correctional Center for Women and the Nebraska Correctional Youth Facility.
- **Special Services Unit.** This division is responsible for central detainer administration, issuance of escape and absconder warrants, administrative processing of formal governor's warrants and requisitions, management of the Inmate Telephone System, transportation of incarcerated individuals, central office key and lock control, teletype operations, radio communications coordination and law enforcement liaison.

NDCS Facilities

Nebraska State Penitentiary

Contact Person: Michele Capps, Warden, Nebraska State Penitentiary, 4201 S. 14th St., Lincoln, NE 68502, P.O. Box 2500, Lincoln, NE 68542-2500, phone (402) 471-3161, ext. 3226, fax (402) 471-4326

The Nebraska State Penitentiary houses men classified as maximum, medium and minimum custody. In addition to those in maximum/medium security, NSP maintains

⁵For more information about the Interstate Corrections Compact, see Page 727.

three housing units for men in minimum security, including a residential substance abuse unit. Correctional industries workshops provide rehabilitation through employment and work skills training for inmates. Education services also are provided.

Tecumseh State Correctional Institution

Contact Person: Brad Hansen, Warden, Tecumseh State Correctional Institution, 2725 N. Highway 50, Tecumseh, NE 68450, P.O. Box 900, Tecumseh, NE 68540, phone (402) 335-5998, fax (402) 335-5115

The Tecumseh State Correctional Institution was established in 1997 by the Legislature. Ground was broken on the new site in late 1998. The institution began housing individuals in December 2001. It is a maximum/medium custody facility for adult men, including those on death row and those requiring intensive management.

Omaha Correctional Center

Contact Person: Barbara Lewien, Warden, Omaha Correctional Center, 2323 Ave. J, Omaha, NE 68111-0099, P.O. Box 11099, Omaha, NE 68110-2766, phone (402) 595-3964, fax (402) 595-2227

The Omaha Correctional Center, established by the 1975 Legislature, opened in 1984 just south of Eppley Airfield. An additional housing unit was added in 1994. It is a medium/minimum security facility for men. Educational, outpatient sex offender and residential substance abuse programs are available as well as institutional employment opportunities including furniture building and sewing.

Lincoln Correctional Center

Contact Person: Taggart Boyd, Warden, Lincoln Correctional Center, 3216 W. Van Dorn St., Lincoln, NE 68522, P.O. Box 22800, Lincoln, NE 68542, phone (402) 471-2861, fax (402) 479-6100

The Lincoln Correctional Center opened in 1979 and houses men in maximum and medium security. LCC provides care, custody and programming to a variety of individuals, primarily those who are younger and incarcerated for the first time. The housing units are designed to meet a variety of specialized needs, as well as the requirements of those who are in the general population. Institutional employment opportunities are available as well as educational programming.

Community Corrections Center-Lincoln

Contact Person: Charles West, Warden, Community Corrections Center-Lincoln, 2720 W. Van Dorn St., Lincoln, NE 68522, P.O. Box 22200, Lincoln, NE 68542, phone (402) 471-0740, fax (402) 471-6268

Created by the Legislature in 1967, community-based programming allows incarcerated individuals to be employed in the community or attend classes outside the confines of an institution. Initially, participants were housed in the institution during nonwork/school hours. In 1993, a new facility opened, close to the Lincoln Correctional Center, housing both men and women in community custody. Work release, education release and community detail assignment opportunities are available to those individuals who are

nearing release on parole or discharge from their sentences. Community leave privileges, in the form of passes and furloughs, may be earned.

Community Corrections Center-Omaha

Contact Person: Ryan Mahr, Warden, Community Corrections Center-Omaha, 2320 Ave. J, Omaha, NE 68110-0099, phone (402) 595-2010, fax (402) 595-3701

The Community Corrections Center-Omaha has operated out of various Omaha locations since 1971. The program moved into a new facility in 1985. Located one block north of the Omaha Correctional Center, it provides work and educational release opportunities to incarcerated men and women who have achieved community custody status. Leave privileges, in the form of passes and furloughs, may be earned.

Work Ethic Camp-McCook

Contact Person: Pamela Morello, Warden, Work Ethic Camp-McCook, 2309 N. Highway 83, McCook, NE 69001, phone (308) 345-8405, fax (308) 345-8407

The Work Ethic Camp opened April 30, 2001. It is for men classified to "Minimum B" custody and provides individualized programming in a time frame appropriate for each person's needs and sentence structure. Individuals may parole from WEC, progress to a community custody facility or complete their sentence. The mission of the WEC is to provide an integrated program, in partnership with the probation and parole administrations, which combines evidence-based practices within a structured treatment environment. The overall goal is to reduce the risk of recidivism through offender behavioral change. Inmates are able to work in the community with intermittent supervision.

Nebraska Correctional Center for Women

Contact Person: Denise Davidson, Warden, Nebraska Correctional Center for Women, 1107 Recharge Road, York, NE 68467-8003, phone (402) 362-3317, fax (402) 362-3892

The Nebraska Correctional Center for Women is the state's only secure correctional facility for adult women. The facility houses maximum, medium and minimum custody individuals as well as court-ordered evaluators and county safe keepers. NCCW is the diagnostic and evaluation center for all newly committed women. The first 30 days of their incarceration includes an orientation program for which they are segregated from the general population. During this time, participants receive medical and mental health evaluations and learn about various programming opportunities available during their term of incarceration. Each woman receives a personalized classification and programming plan.

Nebraska Correctional Youth Facility

Contact Person: Ryan Mahr, Warden, Nebraska Correctional Youth Facility, 2610 N. 20th St. E., Omaha, NE 68110, phone (402) 595-2000, fax (402) 636-8610

The Nebraska Correctional Youth Facility opened in 1998. It houses young offenders in minimum, medium and maximum security who have been adjudicated as adults.

The facility accepts the youngest inmates committed to the Department of Correctional Services and has the ability to house them until they reach 21 years and 10 months of age. The facility's mission focuses on intensive programming. Youthful offenders may apply to participate in community custody programs including work detail, work release or educational release.

Diagnostic and Evaluation Center

Contact Person: Taggart Boyd, Warden, Diagnostic and Evaluation Center, 3220 W. Van Dorn St., Lincoln, NE 68522-9278, P.O. Box 22800, Lincoln, NE 68542-2800, phone (402) 471-3330, fax (402) 479-6368

The Diagnostic and Evaluation Center opened in 1979. As provided for in state law, all adult men sentenced to the Department of Correctional Services by the county and district courts enter the correctional system at DEC. In addition, the institution houses interstate transfers and returned parolees and escapees, county safe keepers and 90-day evaluators sentenced by the court for assessment.

Department of Economic Development

Office Address: 301 Centennial Mall South, Fourth Floor, P.O. Box 94666, Lincoln, NE 68509-4666, phone (402) 471-3111, toll-free phone (800) 426-6505, fax (402) 471-3778, website — opportunity.nebraska.gov

Director: Dave Rippe

Deputy Director Programs: Dan Curran

Deputy Director Operations: Joseph Lauber

Statutory References: 81-101 and 81-1201.02

Publications: Publications and forms are available on the department's website.

Business Development Division

Contact Person: Joe Fox, Business Development Director, 301 Centennial Mall South, Fourth Floor, P.O. Box 94666, Lincoln, NE 68509-4666, phone (402) 471-8604, toll-free phone (800) 426-6505, fax (402) 471-3778

Statutory Reference: 81-1201.07

The Business Development Division's ultimate goal is to expand job opportunities in Nebraska by attracting new business and industry, while encouraging expansion of existing industry. The division helps Nebraska communities seek new business and industry through national and international advertising, direct mail, personal calls to prospective industries and participation in trade shows of targeted industries and special events.

Promotional literature stresses the advantages of locating and expanding new businesses and industries in Nebraska. These advantages include performance-based tax incentives, the state's central location, a productive work force, reliable transportation, a generally positive business climate and low-cost, abundant energy.

Existing business assistance provides direct services, including human resource development, business financing, help in enhancing productivity, market diversification and export assistance. It also serves as a clearinghouse for referrals to other sources,

such as the Nebraska Business Development Centers and the Nebraska Manufacturing Extension Partnership.

Staff coordinate labor training with industrial location and expansion through advertising, screening assessment, referral, pre-employment, on-the-job training and post-employment training for hourly employees.

Business finance consultants identify and structure financial resources to meet the needs of new and expanding businesses.

The division's One-Stop Business Assistance Center improves businesses' access to state government and reduces government's response time to business needs. The center provides information on regulations, licenses, state and federal requirements, economic development programs and assistance with marketing, business and financing research.

Housing and Community Development Division

Contact Person: Sheryl Hiatt, Housing/Field Director, phone (402) 340-6180

Contact Person: Steve Charleston, Community Development Director, phone (402) 471-3757, 301 Centennial Mall South, Fourth Floor, P.O. Box 94666, Lincoln, NE 68509-4666, toll-free phone (800) 426-6505, fax (402) 471-3778

Statutory Reference: 81-1201.07

The Housing and Community Development Division helps communities build development capacity and provides programs and services for housing and community development.

The division has financial and technical assistance for community and economic development. Financial resources come from the Community Development Block Grant Program, the HOME Investment Partnerships Program, the Nebraska Affordable Housing Trust Fund and the Nebraska Microenterprise Development Program.

Community Development Block Grant awards are made to communities for economic development and community development activities. Community development grants spur local economic development by funding projects that maintain or expand needed public facilities and adequate housing. They also expand the state's economic base by helping businesses bring new income into — and prevent income from leaving — the state.

The HOME funds provide another source for community and economic development. Through the Technical Assistance Review Team, which is composed of private and public housing partners, communities in need of affordable housing may apply for funds and receive valuable technical assistance and funding for their projects.

The Nebraska Affordable Housing Trust Fund serves as a source of affordable housing funding for the state.

The division's efforts in community betterment include the Community Development Assistance Act, which empowers the department to distribute a 40 percent state tax credit to businesses, corporations, insurance firms or financial institutions that make eligible contributions of cash, services or materials to approved community betterment projects.

The Housing and Community Development Consolidated Plan, which is the comprehensive plan that identifies the state's needs in housing, homelessness, and community

and economic development, is developed every five years. The Consolidated Plan is revised and reviewed annually in the Annual Performance Report. Both are available from the department.

The division also manages the Nebraska Commission on Housing and Homelessness. The commission is committed to developing housing and policies that foster the creation and preservation of affordable housing for all Nebraskans.

Nebraska Commission on Housing and Homelessness

Contact Person: Pam Otto, Housing Coordinator, 301 Centennial Mall South, Fourth Floor, P.O. Box 94666, Lincoln, NE 68509-4666, phone (402) 471-4388, toll-free phone (800) 426-6505, email address — pam.otto@nebraska.gov

The Nebraska Commission on Housing and Homelessness was established in 1998. Its purposes are to develop ongoing, specific affordable housing and homelessness policies; make recommendations to the governor on policies, plans and courses of action; and monitor implementation of the recommendations.

NCHH has 15 members appointed by the governor from private and nonprofit sectors, including planners, service providers, low-income advocacy groups, developers, bankers, builders and housing manufacturers. The Department of Economic Development provides staff support. No state funds support NCHH activities.

Member	Affiliation
Nancy Bentley, Scottsbluff	Housing Partners of Western Nebraska
Charles Coley, Omaha	Metro Area Continuum of Care for the Homeless
Ryan Durant, Elkhorn	Cornerstone Associates
Paul Hamelink, Hastings	Hastings Village
Lee Ann Heflebower, Lincoln	Community Action, Lancaster and Saunders Counties
Thomas G. Judds, Ashland	Lincoln Housing Authority
Kathryn Mesner, Central City	Mesner Development
Roger D. Nadrchal, Norfolk	Neighbor Works Northeast Nebraska
Judy Pederson, North Platte	Pro Printing
Judy Petersen, Atkinson	Central Nebraska Economic Development District
Sara Sunderman, Lincoln	Matt Talbot Kitchen
Amy Thelander, Grant	Dawson Area Development
Sara Tichota, Lincoln	Nebraska Housing Developers Association
John Turner, Lincoln	Region V Systems
Brent Williams, Lincoln	Excel Development Group

Local Option Municipal Economic Development Act

Contact Person: Deb Eggleston, Southeast Nebraska Field Service Representative, 301 Centennial Mall South, Fourth Floor, P.O. Box 94666, Lincoln, NE 68509-4666, phone (402) 380-7253

The department provides assistance to communities that want to implement the Local Option Municipal Economic Development Act (LB840), the mechanism by which cities and villages can spend local tax dollars on local economic development programs.

International Division

Contact Person: Cobus Block, International Business Manager, 301 Centennial Mall South, Fourth Floor, P.O. Box 94666, Lincoln, NE 68509-4666, phone (402) 480-5806

The International Division coordinates with other state agencies and with the governor's office to arrange foreign marketing and investment opportunities for Nebraska business and industry.

The office's Export Program promotes the export of Nebraska products to international markets through counseling, training and referrals to local export services. The Department of Economic Development also offers exposure to international markets and export finance programs for small business through international trade shows and governor-led trade missions abroad.

Nebraska Film Office

Contact Person: Laurie Richards, 301 Centennial Mall South, P.O. Box 98907, Lincoln, NE 68509-8907, phone (402) 202-1905, toll-free (800) 426-6505, fax (402) 471-3778, website — www.filmnebraska.org

The Nebraska Film Office promotes Nebraska to producers of feature films, independent films, made-for-television movies, documentaries, commercials and other film-related activities. The Film Office also publishes a production guide listing services available for filmmaking in Nebraska, provides scouting services for potential projects and serves as a liaison between state agencies and local governments during filming projects.

Nebraska Energy Office

Office Address: Executive Building, 521 S. 14th St., Suite 300, P.O. Box 95085, Lincoln, NE 68509-5085, phone (402) 471-2867, fax (402) 471-3064, email address — energy@nebraska.gov, website — www.neo.ne.gov

Interim Director: Jim Macy

Statutory Reference: 81-1601

The office was originally created by executive order in November 1973 as the Fuel Allocation Office within the Department of Revenue. From 1977 to 1987, the Energy Office operated as a separate code agency with a stipulation in its authorizing legislation that the office could be moved into another agency by executive order. In 1987, the Energy Office became a division of the Policy Research Office by executive order. In 1991, both the Energy Office and the Policy Research Office became divisions of the Governor's Office. On July 1, 2008, the governor elevated the Energy Office to a cabinet level code agency and appointed its director.

The vision of the Nebraska Energy Office is to provide leadership that maximizes the benefits of energy efficiency and renewable energy through communication, outreach, technology and partnerships.

The mission of the office is to promote the efficient, economic and environmentally responsible use of energy. The Energy Office accomplishes this mission by administering innovative programs and implementing projects and services that inform, educate

and involve energy consumers and decision makers. The Energy Office also collects essential statistical energy data and is the state's lead agency responsible for developing response recommendations during energy related emergencies.

The Energy Office:

- serves as a central repository for energy data relevant to the state
- assesses trends in the availability, use and development of all energy forms
- collects and analyzes data relating to energy needs and specifies these needs for the state
- recommends state energy policies and efficiency measures to the governor and the Legislature and carries out adopted measures
- provides the public with information on energy sources, use and conservation
- accepts and dispenses public and private funds for research studies, demonstration projects and other energy efficiency or development activities
- studies the impact and relationship of state energy policies to those on the regional and national level
- actively seeks Nebraskans' advice on energy policies and programs
- prepares emergency energy allocation plans and makes suggestions to the governor if a serious energy shortage takes place
- designs a state energy conservation program and provides technical assistance to local governments and citizens who seek information on energy efficiency opportunities and the use of renewable energy technologies

The Energy Office administers the federally funded Low Income Weatherization Assistance Program and the State Energy Program as well as other energy efficiency, conservation and renewable energy initiatives. The office also administers and enforces the Nebraska Energy Code.

The Energy Office administers the state's Petroleum Violation Escrow funds, also known as oil overcharge funds. These funds were received as a result of federal pricing regulation violations by crude oil producers. States were required to provide restitutionary programs with these funds. Nebraska's largest restitution program is the Dollar and Energy Savings Loan Program administered by the Energy Office. This energy efficiency program partners with the state's lending institutions to provide low interest rate loans to residents for energy improvements to their homes, businesses, farms, ranches and nonprofit organizations. Funds also are available for renewable energy and alternate fuel projects throughout the state. Loans are available at eligible Nebraska lenders located throughout the state and have financed more than \$330 million in projects.

Department of Environmental Quality

Office Address: The Atrium, 1200 N St., P.O. Box 98922, Lincoln, NE 68509-8922, phone (402) 471-2186, email address — ndeq.moreinfo@nebraska.gov, website — <http://deq.ne.gov>

Director: Jim Macy

Statutory Reference: 81-1502

The Department of Environmental Control was created in 1971 by the Nebraska Environmental Protection Act. Legislation passed in 1992 changed the agency's name

to the Department of Environmental Quality. The department administers the rules, regulations and standards adopted to protect and improve water, air and land quality in the state. The department provides services to towns, industries and citizens through several assistance programs, meetings, training and conferences.

The Environmental Protection Act also established the Environmental Control Council, now known as the Environmental Quality Council. The department director is appointed by the governor upon recommendation of the council and with the Legislature's consent. The director serves as secretary of the council. The department operates with state general funds, cash funds and federal funds.

Air Quality Division

Air Quality Division objectives are to achieve and maintain the national and state ambient air quality standards, protect the air quality in areas of the state that have air cleaner than the standards and to implement air quality rules and regulations. The division devotes extensive resources towards compliance assistance and outreach activities through its Planning and Development Program.

Permitting Programs

Through the air construction permit program, facilities are required to obtain a construction permit before they construct, reconstruct or modify any air contaminant source or emission unit where there is a net increase in the potential to emit contaminants above specified levels. The permitting program enforces the federal construction permit program known as Prevention of Significant Deterioration. This program applies to sources that emit significant levels of air contaminants and requires the application of best available control technology.

Once constructed and operational, most facilities must obtain an operating permit. Operating permits are issued to both large and small sources of air pollution and are renewed every five years. Operating permits include all previously issued construction conditions and federal and state performance standards.

Compliance Programs

The division operates an air quality monitoring network to determine compliance with national and state air quality standards. Two agencies assist the department with the day-to-day operation of the network: the Douglas County Health Department and the Lincoln/Lancaster County Health Department. Monitoring is conducted for the following pollutants: particulate matter, sulfur dioxide, nitrogen dioxide, carbon monoxide, ozone, lead and total reduced sulfur.

The division conducts compliance inspections of air pollution sources, responds to citizen complaints and observes and evaluates air contaminant emission tests. The division attempts to obtain compliance with regulations through voluntary efforts, but pursues legal enforcement actions when the issues are serious, chronic or cannot otherwise be resolved.

Field Services and Assistance Division

This division provides a central source of technical information for the public, businesses and industries affected by environmental regulations. The division conducts inspections, provides compliance assistance, maintains monitoring programs and manages specific projects across the state.

The division maintains field offices in Chadron, Grand Island, Holdrege, Norfolk, North Platte, Omaha and Scottsbluff. Field office staff are responsible for conducting compliance inspections, complaint investigations, environmental sampling, project management and providing local compliance assistance for the agency's water quality, air quality and land management divisions.

The Small Business and Public Assistance Program assists individuals, businesses and industries in complying with air quality, waste management and water quality regulations. The Small Business Compliance Advisory Panel (statutory reference: 81-1505.03) helps businesses comply with requirements of the federal Clean Air Act.

The One-Stop Permit Assistance program serves as a clearinghouse for information related to the department's various permitting processes and Title III — the Community Right-to-Know program — and assists businesses subject to the state and federal Community Right-to-Know acts.

The Emergency Response Coordinator is located in this division. Through the Emergency Response Program, department personnel provide technical and regulatory assistance to those responsible for spills, leaks and accidents that pose a hazard to either the environment or public health.

Legal Services Division

This division provides legal support to the director and the agency. Among its responsibilities are preparing legal opinions interpreting laws and regulations, advising the director and agency staff on duties and program responsibilities and preparing administrative orders and other enforcement actions. The division assists the attorney general's office by providing legal expertise in environmental law and participating in court cases.

Management Services Division

This division provides administrative and technical support to department programs. The division is organized into the following areas of support: fiscal services, grants/contracts coordination, human resources, information technology, public information and records management.

Land Management Division

To protect Nebraska's land and water resources, Land Management Division programs ensure that non-hazardous wastes are properly disposed, hazardous waste is managed from creation to disposal and contaminated sites are investigated and cleaned up according to state and federal standards. The department administers several waste-related grant programs.

Solid Waste Program

The Solid Waste Program is responsible for permitting and inspecting solid waste disposal areas (municipal landfills, construction and demolition disposal sites, delisted waste disposal areas, fossil fuel ash disposal areas, industrial waste disposal areas) and waste processing facilities (compost sites, material recovery (recycling) facilities, and transfer stations).

Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) Program

The RCRA program ensures that hazardous waste is properly managed from the point of generation until final disposal. Among this program's duties are: performing compliance inspections at facilities that generate hazardous waste; reviewing permit applications for treatment, storage and disposal facilities; approving closure and post-closure plans for hazardous waste storage areas and disposal sites; and investigating complaints. The RCRA program helps hazardous waste generators maintain compliance with regulations through a Compliance Assistance Program.

Superfund Program

This program administers cooperative agreements with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) regarding the federal Superfund program that was established to clean up the most seriously contaminated sites in the nation. The DEQ Superfund Program helps in the identification of potential Superfund sites and assists the EPA with ongoing work at the 15 National Priority List sites in Nebraska.

Voluntary Cleanup Program

This program provides property owners and parties responsible for contamination with a mechanism to develop voluntary cleanup plans that are reviewed and approved by the department. The program provides an avenue for businesses to proceed with cleanup of property and an opportunity for review and oversight that may not be available at the federal level.

Planning and Aid

The Waste Management Planning and Aid Unit administers the following programs:

Waste Reduction and Recycling Incentive Grants Program (to assist in financing sound integrated waste management programs and projects);

Litter Reduction and Recycling Grant Program (to support programs that reduce litter, provide education and promote recycling);

Illegal Dumpsite Cleanup Program (to assist political subdivisions in the cleanup of solid waste disposed along public roadways or ditches); and

Landfill Disposal Fee Rebate Program (to provide an incentive to political subdivisions to support and encourage the purchase of products, materials or supplies manufactured or produced from recycled material).

Water Quality and Water Permits Divisions

Two divisions focus on protecting the quality of Nebraska's surface water and groundwater resources. The Water Quality Division conducts surface water monitoring, administers groundwater protection programs and conducts a variety of planning, assessment, certification and grant activities. The Water Permits Division issues permits for wastewater treatment facilities and sanitary sewer systems. Water Permits Division programs ensure that petroleum leak and spill sites are investigated and cleaned up if necessary, livestock waste is properly managed and discharges of pollutants into streams and rivers do not exceed levels intended to protect aquatic life.

Water Permits programs include:

Petroleum Remediation Program

The Petroleum Remediation Program oversees the investigation and cleanup of petroleum contamination resulting from leaking underground and above ground storage tanks and surface spills. The program administers the Petroleum Release Remedial Action Reimbursement Fund (Title 200), a cleanup assistance fund for persons responsible for cleanup costs due to petroleum releases from tanks.

Agriculture Section

The Livestock Waste Control Program strives to protect Nebraska's surface water and groundwater from contamination by livestock waste by conducting inspections and issuing permits. The program requires many livestock operations to construct livestock waste control facilities. Owners must submit plans and specifications and obtain approval prior to construction and operation of the facilities. Some operations are required to monitor groundwater near their facilities. The Agriculture Section administers the Chemigation and Agricultural Chemical Secondary Containment programs.

Wastewater

The department's Wastewater Section provides a variety of programs related to wastewater treatment systems and their associated discharges. The Engineering Management program reviews planning documents and issues construction permits for wastewater treatment facilities and sanitary sewer lines. The program provides assistance and training for wastewater facility operators.

The On-Site Wastewater program focuses on protecting surface and ground water in the area of proposed on-site systems (septic systems and small lagoons) through the certification of on-site professionals and review of subdivision development plans.

The Wastewater Section administers two permitting programs that regulate dischargers of water pollutants: the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) and the Nebraska Pretreatment Program. NPDES permits issued to municipalities and industries place limits on the pollutants that can be discharged into Nebraska's rivers and streams. This program issues permits that limit the discharge of pollutants in storm water from industrial, municipal and construction sites. Pretreatment program permits protect municipal wastewater systems from damage or overloading by industries.

Financial Assistance

The agency administers the distribution of state and federal assistance through two community aid programs: the Clean Water State Revolving Loan Fund, which provides low-interest loans and small town matching grants for construction of public wastewater treatment facilities and sanitary sewer collection systems; and the Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Fund, which provides low-interest loans for construction of public and private drinking water systems.

Water Quality programs include:

Surface Water and Groundwater Assessment Programs

Surface water monitoring program staff collect physical, chemical and biological water quality samples from streams, lakes and wetlands throughout the state to identify and help remediate water quality problems. Fish tissue samples are collected annually for analysis of toxic pollutants; health advisories are issued if necessary. The program investigates fish kills and citizen complaints and monitors over 50 lakes and beaches for the presence of toxic algae.

Groundwater unit assessment programs focus on assessing the quality of the state's groundwater resources and protecting those resources through project reviews, permitting and voluntary programs. The Groundwater Management Area program focuses on assessing areas where groundwater problems from nonpoint source contaminants exist or are likely to exist. The unit conducts hydrogeologic studies, reviews and issues permits for wells used to inject fluids underground and administers the state Wellhead Protection program.

Water Quality Planning

Water Quality Planning program staff conduct a variety of planning, assessment, certification and grant activities. This unit develops water quality standards that designate the beneficial uses to be made of surface waters and the criteria to protect these uses; administers the Section 401 certification program to determine if applications for federal permits and licenses involving a discharge comply with state water quality standards; develops Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) that include pollution control goals and strategies necessary to improve the quality of impaired surface waters; administers the Nonpoint Source Management Program to protect and improve the quality of water bodies impacted by nonpoint source pollution (grants are provided for eligible projects); and administers the Source Water Assessment Program to assist in protecting public drinking water supplies and systems.

Environmental Quality Council

Contact Person: Jim Macy, Director, Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality, The Atrium, 1200 N St., P.O. Box 98922, Lincoln, NE 68509-8922, phone (402) 471-2186

Statutory Reference: 81-1503

The Environmental Quality Council was created to carry out the federal Environmental Protection Act, and adopts rules and regulations that set air, water and land

quality standards designed to protect the environment and the public health and welfare of the state. The governor appoints the director of the Department of Environmental Quality based on recommendations by the council.

The council has 17 members appointed to four-year terms by the governor with legislative approval. Council members represent the food products manufacturing industry, conservation interests, the agricultural processing industry, the automotive or petroleum industry, the chemical industry, heavy industry, the power generating industry, crop production, labor, the livestock industry, minority populations, county government and municipal government (two members, one of which represents cities not of the primary or metropolitan class). Other members include a professional engineer experienced in controlling air and water pollution and solid wastes, a medical doctor with knowledge about the health aspects of air, water and land pollution and a biologist.

The council holds at least two regular meetings each year. Members are paid \$40 a day when conducting council business and are reimbursed for expenses.

Member	Represents	Term Expires
Douglas Anderson, Aurora.....	Agricultural Processing.....	June 22, 2019
Michelle Bucklin, Omaha.....	Food Products Manufacturing.....	June 22, 2021
Jeremy Buhl, Omaha.....	Chemical Industry.....	June 22, 2019
Joseph Citta, Jr., Columbus.....	Power Generating Industry.....	June 22, 2021
Mark Czaplewski, Grand Island.....	Biologist.....	June 22, 2021
Mohamed Dahab, Lincoln.....	Minority Populations.....	June 22, 2021
John Dilsaver, Ralston.....	Automotive/Petroleum Industry.....	June 22, 2021
Rod Gangwish, Shelton.....	Agricultural Crop Production.....	June 22, 2021
Dennis Grams, Lincoln.....	Professional Engineer.....	June 22, 2019
Robert C. Hall, Wahoo.....	Labor.....	June 22, 2021
James Hawks, North Platte.....	City Government.....	June 22, 2019
Lance Hedquist, South Sioux City.....	Municipal Government.....	June 22, 2021
John Kinter, Norfolk.....	Heavy Industry.....	June 22, 2019
Hilary Maricle, Albion.....	County Government.....	June 22, 2019
Ronald Sheppard, Callaway.....	Physician.....	June 22, 2019
John C. Turnbull, York.....	Conservation.....	June 22, 2019
Alden Zuhlke, Brunswick.....	Livestock Industry.....	June 22, 2021

State Fire Marshal

Office Address: 246 S. 14th St., Lincoln, NE 68508, phone (402) 471-2027

State Fire Marshal: Christopher Cantrell

Statutory Reference: 81-501.01

Publications: Annual report

The state fire marshal's office:

- examines plans for and inspects commercial buildings to ensure compliance with adopted fire and life safety codes
- orders the removal of combustible and explosive materials from any building or premise and orders the abatement of dangerous conditions that constitute fire hazards
- orders exits and egress of buildings as necessary to ensure safe escape in case of fire
- issues permits for wholesale and retail sale of fireworks and enforces statutes applicable to the sale, use and storage of pyrotechnics

- promulgates rules and regulations and adopts recognized safety standards for fire prevention and protection in Nebraska
- promulgates and enforces regulations that set state safety standards for transporting natural and other gas by pipelines not under the jurisdiction of the Federal Power Commission or the Interstate Commerce Commission
- investigates the origin, cause and circumstances surrounding fires, explosions and similar emergencies
- enforces accessibility standards for buildings and facilities
- enforces the underground storage tank program in conjunction with the state Department of Environmental Quality
- inspects grain elevator facilities to ensure compliance with adopted fire and life safety codes
- administers a nationally accepted statistical analysis program for fire incidents
- provides statewide training programs for fire departments and other emergency response organizations
- administers and enforces the Reduced Cigarette Ignition Propensity Program

The 1909 Legislature created a Fire Commission. Its duties were transferred in 1919 to the Division of Fire Prevention in the Department of Trade and Commerce. In 1925, appointing the state fire marshal became the responsibility of the governor. The state fire marshal was placed under the Department of Trade and Commerce and in 1933, under the Department of Insurance. In 1974, the state fire marshal was made responsible to the governor by the Legislature.

Nebraska Fire Safety Appeals Board

Contact Person: Christopher Cantrell, State Fire Marshal, 246 S. 14th St., Lincoln, NE 68508, phone (402) 471-2027

Statutory Reference: 81-502.01

The 1971 Legislature created an advisory committee to the Office of the State Fire Marshal. In 1977, the advisory committee was changed to the Nebraska Fire Safety Appeals Board. The board hears requested appeals on the application of fire regulations.

The board has nine members: a fire insurance industry representative; an architect; a public school district board member; a fire protection engineer; a fire department inspector; a volunteer fire department member; a state Department of Health and Human Services representative; a Nebraska Association of Hospitals and Health Systems representative; and a state Department of Health and Human Services Regulation and Licensure representative. Members are chosen by the governor and serve four-year terms. They are not paid but are reimbursed for their expenses.

Member	Represents	Term Expires
Tim Higgins, Kearney	NE Association of School Boards	Sept. 24, 2019
Dave Kozak, Grand Island.....	Nebraska Hospital Association	Sept. 24, 2019
R.J. Lippert, Lincoln	Fire Protection	Sept. 24, 2019
Robert Olson, Lincoln	Architect.....	Sept. 24, 2019
Robert Semerena, Lincoln	Health and Human Services.....	Sept. 24, 2019
Jeff Soukup, Lincoln.....	Health and Human Services	Sept. 24, 2019

Steven Thornburg, Omaha.....	Fire Department Inspector.....	Sept. 24, 2019
Alan Viox, Nebraska City	City Building Inspector.....	Sept. 24, 2019
Vacant	Fire Insurance Industry	Sept. 24, 2015

Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services

Office Address: 301 Centennial Mall South, P.O. Box 95026, phone (402) 471-3121, TDD (402) 471-9570, website – www.dhhs.ne.gov

Chief Executive Officer: Danette R. Smith

Statutory Reference: 81-3111

The Department of Health and Human Services was established by the Nebraska Health and Human Services Act, which was passed by the Legislature in March of 2007 and became effective July 1, 2007. The act merged the three agencies of the Health and Human Services System into one department.

The previous Health and Human Services System, which consisted of three separate state agencies, was established in 1997 through the merger of the Aging, Health, Public Institutions and Social Services departments and the Office of Juvenile Services in the Department of Correctional Services. The three agencies that were formed were the Department of Health and Human Services, Department of Health and Human Services Regulation and Licensure and Department of Health and Human Services Finance and Support. The Health and Human Services System was governed by a Policy Cabinet consisting of the department directors and a policy secretary.

The current Department of Health and Human Services responds to the health and human service needs of Nebraskans through its six divisions and through offices and facilities located across the state. It is a code agency, reporting to the governor. The organizational structure includes a Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and five division directors appointed by the governor and confirmed by the Legislature.

The CEO reports to the governor and the division directors report to the CEO. The five divisions are the Division of Behavioral Health, Division of Children and Family Services, Division of Developmental Disabilities, Division of Medicaid and Long-Term Care and Division of Public Health. The governor also appoints a Chief Medical Officer if the director of the Division of Public Health is not a physician. Operational areas provide specialized expertise and support to the department.

Chief Executive Officer

Contact Person: Danette R. Smith, CEO, Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services, 301 Centennial Mall South, P.O. Box 95026, phone (402) 471-1668

A Chief Executive Officer of the Department of Health and Human Services is appointed by the governor and confirmed by the Legislature to direct the Department of Health and Human Services.

Responsibilities of the Chief Executive Officer include:

- supervise and administer the department and employees, and allow for transfer of personnel between divisions

- manage services and programs
- enter into necessary agreements for provision of services
- recommend legislation that is deemed necessary and appropriate• consult and cooperate with other state agencies
- adopt and promulgate rules and regulations as required
- coordinate assistance programs under direction of the Adjutant General, established under section 81-829.72, with programs of the department
- coordinate budget, research and data collection efforts
- ensure the Legislature's Appropriations Committee is provided any information required to make funding determinations and recommendations
- seek grants and other funds from federal and other public and private sources to carry out the purposes of the act
- act as an agent of the federal government in matters of mutual concern in conformity with the Act and scope of authority of the department as provided by law
- facilitate joint planning initiatives, and encourage and direct initiatives and collaboration in the department
- delegate the authority to division directors to act as a decision maker in contested cases
- consider adopting rules and regulations regarding access to and security of confidential information among divisions and within divisions based on several factors

Chief of Staff

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The Chief of Staff to the CEO provides agency-wide oversight and direction on strategic and operational activities.

Operations

Chief Operations Office

Contact Person: Bo Botelho, Chief Operating Officer, 301 Centennial Mall South, P.O. Box 95026, Lincoln, NE 68509-5026, phone (402) 471-1668, email address — bo.botelho@nebraska.gov

The Chief Operating Officer provides leadership of DHHS operations in the following areas: Human Resources, Internal Audit, Legal Services and Support Services.

Communications and Legislative Services

Contact Person: Matt Litt, Communications Director, Communications and Legislative Services, 301 Centennial Mall South, P.O. Box 95026, Lincoln, NE 68509-5026, phone (402) 471-9313, email address — matt.litt@nebraska.gov

Communications and Legislative Services manages public, internal and stakeholder communications including media relations, outreach, publicity and promotion efforts, the department's website, social media, newsletters, video productions and graphic design. CLS also leads legislative activities for the department.

Information Systems and Technology

Contact Person: Chris Hill, Chief Information Officer, 301 Centennial Mall South, P.O. Box 95026, Lincoln, NE 68509-5026, phone (402) 471-8554, email address — chris.hill@nebraska.gov

Information Systems and Technology provides planning, project management, implementation and ongoing support of information systems, network and hardware support, including procurement and installation and local area network management and maintenance. The office also offers internal help desk support for both system-specific and department-wide questions and concerns.

Financial Services

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Financial Services provides support through budget development and monitoring, state and federal report preparation, program evaluation, accounting transactions and revenue collections and monitoring. Financial Services also leads internal audits and offers grant and contract support, claims processing, research, financial and program analysis and cost allocation.

Legal Services

Contact Person: Bo Botelho, J.D., Chief Legal Counsel, 301 Centennial Mall South, P.O. Box 95026, Lincoln, NE 68509-5026, phone (402) 471-1668, email address — bo.botelho@nebraska.gov

Legal Services provides legal advice to DHHS divisions, represents the department in administrative hearings and court cases, interprets state and federal laws and regulations, provides records management and drafts and reviews legislation, rules and regulations, contracts and other documents.

Human Resources

Contact Person: Theresa Hill, Human Resources Director, 301 Centennial Mall South, P.O. Box 95026, Lincoln, NE 68509-5026, phone (402) 471-8946, email address — theresa.hill@nebraska.gov

Human Resources provides support to department employees and managers across the state, including staffing requests for position reclassification and salary grade adjustments; analysis of staffing plans; workers' compensation and benefits; employee and labor relations; employee recognition, recruitment, selection, placement, retention and succession planning; and the Employee Assistance Program. In addition, HR is responsible for training coordination, staff development and team facilitation.

Internal Audit

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Internal Audit evaluates, identifies and assists areas in need of improvements with their current processes and procedures and provides guidance and information to DHHS staff regarding procedures, operational controls, regulations, internal controls and best practices. Internal Audit also maintains audit records.

Operational Excellence

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Operational Excellence is an internal consulting team that identifies, develops, implements and evaluates business practices throughout DHHS for effectiveness and efficiency with a concentration on improved services, reduced costs and streamlined processes. Work may also impact other state agencies and external stakeholders. Operational Excellence provides additional assistance to DHHS program staff to implement corrective action plans.

Support Services

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Support Services provides technical assistance and support in purchasing, equipment inventory, surplus property, vehicle management, risk management, land-based telecommunications, language line, Spanish translation, security and emergency planning, building access control, centralized scanning, property insurance administration, distribution of mail and forms, supply management, contractual services and sub-awards.

Division of Behavioral Health

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The Division of Behavioral Health administers the state's publicly funded community-based services and, with the DHHS Facilities Director, administers the three state regional centers for persons with behavioral health disorders.

Hastings Regional Center: Marj Colburn, Facility Operating Officer II, P.O. Box 95026, Lincoln, NE 68509-5026, phone (402) 460-3166, email address — marj.colburn@nebraska.gov; or

Trevor Spiegel, Administrator, Juvenile Services, P.O. Box 95026, Lincoln, NE 68509-5026, phone (308) 338-2115 x251, email address — trevor.spiegel@nebraska.gov

Lincoln Regional Center: John Reynolds, Adult Facility Administrator, P.O. Box 95026, Lincoln, NE 68509-5026, phone (402) 479-5388, email address — john.reynolds@nebraska.gov

Norfolk Regional Center: John Kroll, Facility Operating Officer, P.O. Box 95026, Lincoln, NE 68509-5026, (402) 370-3240, email address — john.kroll@nebraska.gov; or

John Reynolds, Adult Facility Administrator, P.O. Box 95026, Lincoln, NE 68509-5026, (402) 479-5388, email address — john.reynolds@nebraska.gov

Statutory References for Regional Centers: 83-107.01 and 83-305

The Division of Behavioral Health implements mental health and substance use disorder treatment, recovery and prevention programs through community and regional clinical programs and services.

The Division of Behavioral Health is the statutory and federal recognized behavioral health authority for the state and directs the administration and coordination of the public behavioral health system to address prevention, treatment and recovery of mental health and substance use disorders. The division's mission is to provide leadership and resources for systems of care that promote resilience, hope, health and well-being for Nebraskans.

The Division of Behavioral Health community-based section provides funding and contract management to six behavioral health regions, four state and federally recognized tribes and a variety of providers to ensure that community-based mental health and substance use prevention, treatment and recovery services are available. Funding sources include the Substance Abuse Prevention & Treatment Block Grant, Community Mental Health Services Block Grant and discretionary grants, as well as funds appropriated by the Legislature. The funding and services provided are directed to those who are not Medicaid eligible and do not have private insurance that covers behavioral health services, as well as individuals with serious mental illness and severe emotional disturbances.

An Office of Consumer Affairs focuses on recovery initiatives, planning, peer support and advocacy for behavioral health consumers. The role of the three regional centers is to provide indigent acute care and secure residential services.

Two advisory committees assist in the work of the Division of Behavioral Health, including the State Advisory Committee on Mental Health Services (statutory reference: 71-814) and the State Advisory Committee on Substance Abuse Services (statutory reference: 71-815). Both committees provide recommendations to the Division of Behavioral Health.

State Advisory Committee on Substance Abuse Services

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Victor Gehrig, Gordon	Region 1	July 1, 2019
Jay Jackson, Columbus	Region 4	July 1, 2020
Janet Johnson, Syracuse	Region 5	July 1, 2019
Dusty Lord, Lincoln	Region 5	July 1, 2018
Diana M. Meadors, Valley	Region 6	July 1, 2019
Kimberley Mundil, Raymond	Region 5	July 1, 2018
Michael Phillips, Omaha	Region 6	July 1, 2019
Daniel Rutt, Hastings	Region 3	July 1, 2020
Randy See, Grand Island	Region 3	July 1, 2020
Roger Donovick, Lincoln	DHHS	Nonexpiring

State Advisory Committee on Mental Health Services

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Suzanne Day, Omaha	Region 6	July 1, 2019
Beverly Ferguson, Norfolk	Region 4	July 1, 2018
Bradley Hoefs, Elkhorn	Region 6	July 1, 2018
Patti Jurjevich, La Vista	Region 6	July 1, 2019
Ryan Kaufman, Grand Island	Region 3	July 1, 2020
Phyllis McCaul, Lincoln	Region 5	July 1, 2020
Ashley Pankonin, North Platte	Region 2	July 1, 2020
Rachel Pinkerton, Valley	Region 6	July 1, 2018
Nancy Rippen, North Platte.....	Region 2	July 1, 2018
Rebecca Tegeler, Lincoln	Region 5	July 1, 2019
Mary Thunker, Omaha.....	Region 6	July 1, 2020
Diana Waggoner, Omaha.....	Region 6	July 1, 2019
Michael Williams, Omaha	Region 6	July 1, 2020
Lindy Foley, Elkhorn	Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, Region 5.....	Nonexpiring
Laurie Holman, Lincoln	Crime Commission, Region 5.....	Nonexpiring
Kristen Larsen, Lincoln.....	DHHS Developmental Disabilities, Region 5	Nonexpiring
Lisa Neeman, Lincoln	DHHS Medicaid, Region 5	Nonexpiring
Pamela Otto, Lincoln.....	Department of Economic Development, Region 5	Nonexpiring
Amy Rhone, Lincoln	State Department of Education, Region 5.....	Nonexpiring
Stacey Scholten, Lincoln	DHHS Children and Family Services, Region 5	Nonexpiring
Vacant	DHHS Behavioral Health, Region 5	Nonexpiring

Division of Children and Family Services

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The Division of Children and Family Services administers Protection and Safety and the Office of Juvenile Services; Economic and Family Support programs and services, including public assistance programs and child support enforcement. There are five Service Areas that organize the division’s work geographically across the state. Service Area employees are responsible for the administration and delivery of services at the local level.

Protection and Safety

Contact Person: Lori Harder, Deputy Director, 301 Centennial Mall South, P.O. Box 95026, Lincoln, NE 68509-5026, phone (402) 471-1362, email address — lori.harder@nebraska.gov

Responsibilities of this area include the delivery of protection and safety services to children and families across the state. The outcomes are to achieve the safety of children, ensure permanency and encourage physical, educational and mental well-being. These results are accomplished by assessing the risks of child abuse, neglect and exploitation; helping people become or remain self-supporting and independent; and providing services for dependent, neglected and status offender youth and their families.

This area sets policy and procedures for child welfare programs. These programs include child protective services, foster care, adoption and subsidized adoption programs, adoptions search, preparation for independent living, the Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children, help for victims of domestic abuse and resource development.

Adult Protective Services administers a central registry, which contains reports of abuse, neglect or exploitation of vulnerable adults and provides training and technical assistance to DHHS staff.

A Field Operations Administrator oversees the five administrators in the field who are responsible for the delivery of these services:

Central Service Area: Kathleen Stolz, Administrator, P.O. Box 40, Grand Island, NE 68802, phone (308) 385-6173, email address — kathleen.stolz@nebraska.gov

Includes Adams, Blaine, Boyd, Brown, Buffalo, Cherry, Custer, Franklin, Garfield, Greeley, Hall, Harlan, Holt, Howard, Kearney, Keya Paha, Loup, Phelps, Rock, Sherman, Valley, Webster and Wheeler counties.

Eastern Service Area: Camas Steuter, Administrator, 11949 Q St., Omaha, NE 68137, phone (402) 595-3257, email address — camas.steuter@nebraska.gov

Includes Douglas and Sarpy counties.

Northern Service Area: Mike Puls, Administrator, P.O. Box 339, 209 N. Fifth St., Norfolk, NE 68702-0339, phone (402) 370-3359, email address — mike.puls@nebraska.gov

Includes Antelope, Boone, Burt, Butler, Cedar, Colfax, Cuming, Dakota, Dixon, Dodge, Hamilton, Knox, Madison, Merrick, Nance, Pierce, Platte, Polk, Saunders, Seward, Stanton, Thurston, Washington, Wayne and York counties.

Southeast Service Area: Doug Kreifels, Administrator, 5220 South 16th St., Lincoln, NE 68512, phone (402) 471-1353, email address — doug.kreifels@nebraska.gov

Includes Cass, Clay, Fillmore, Gage, Jefferson, Johnson, Lancaster, Nemaha, Nuckolls, Otoe, Pawnee, Richardson, Saline and Thayer counties.

Western Service Area: Jerrilyn Crankshaw, Administrator, P.O. Box 540, 1600 10th St., Gering, NE 69341, phone (308) 436-6551, email address — jerrilyn.crankshaw@nebraska.gov

Includes Arthur, Banner, Box Butte, Chase, Cheyenne, Dawes, Dawson, Deuel, Dundy, Frontier, Furnas, Garden, Gosper, Grant, Hayes, Hitchcock, Hooker, Keith, Kimball, Lincoln, Logan, McPherson, Morrill, Perkins, Red Willow, Scotts Bluff, Sheridan, Sioux and Thomas counties.

Office of Juvenile Services

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Youth Rehabilitation and Treatment Center-Geneva: Dan Scarborough, Facility Administrator, 855 N. 1st St., Geneva, NE 68361-0273, phone (402) 759-3164, email address — dan.scarborough@nebraska.gov

Youth Rehabilitation and Treatment Center-Kearney: Paul Gordon, Facility Operating Officer, 2802 30th Ave., Kearney, NE 68847-9599, phone (308) 338-2000, email address — paul.gordon@nebraska.gov

Statutory References: 43-404 and 83-107.01

Juvenile Services originally was established in 1994 within the Department of Correctional Services. The programs and functions of the office were transferred to DHHS in 1997.

The functions of the Office of Juvenile Services include administration of the Youth Rehabilitation and Treatment Centers (YRTCs) in Kearney and Geneva and juvenile community supervision services. The office provides, coordinates and monitors community-based services and programs for juveniles and their families committed to the office's custody.

Juvenile services officers are responsible for case management of juveniles committed to the office and supervising juveniles paroled from the YRTCs or committed by the courts for direct community placement.

YRTC-Geneva houses adjudicated female juveniles committed to Juvenile Services by the juvenile courts for staff-secure residential custody.

YRTC-Kearney houses adjudicated male juveniles committed Juvenile Services by the juvenile courts for staff-secure residential custody.

Both centers provide education and specialized treatment designed to meet the developmental needs of juveniles and to redirect their behavior.

Economic Assistance

Contact Person: Karen Heng, Deputy Director, Economic Assistance, P.O. Box 95026, Lincoln, NE 68509-5026, phone (402) 471-9243, email address — karen.heng@nebraska.gov

This area develops statewide public assistance policies and procedures for economic assistance programs and is responsible for the delivery of services through the Service Areas and four customer service centers in Lexington and Lincoln. Services include: Aid to Dependent Children; Employment First; State Supplemental Assistance for the Aged, Blind or Disabled; the State Disability Program; the Low-Income Energy Block Grant; Child Care Subsidy; Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program; Child Support Enforcement; and the Refugee Resettlement Program.

Aid to Dependent Children provides financial assistance to dependent children deprived of support or care from parents because their parents have died, are absent from home, are physically or mentally unable, are without a job or work only part-time. State Supplemental Assistance to the Aged, Blind or Disabled provides financial help to needy aged, blind or disabled adults. People eligible for these two programs also are eligible for medical assistance.

Employment First provides job training, education and employment preparation

to those who receive Aid to Dependent Children benefits. Supportive services, including medical and childcare, are provided for up to two years after a cash grant ceases to ensure the person is able to keep his or her job.

State Disability provides financial and medical assistance to needy adults who are temporarily disabled and do not qualify for Supplemental Security Income, State Supplement or Medical Assistance.

Low-Income Energy Assistance helps low-income Nebraskans defray their utility costs. Also, LIHEAP recipients' homes are weatherized upon request through local community action agencies.

Refugee Resettlement assists with refugees' financial and medical assistance during their initial resettlement in the United States.

The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), formerly the Food Stamp Program, enables low-income households to buy a greater variety of food to provide a more nutritious diet. Each participant gets a coupon allotment based on the number of people in the household and the household's net total income.

The Food Distribution Program Unit administers U.S. Department of Agriculture surplus food and commodity distribution to school lunch programs and coordinates commodity distribution to needy individuals.

The Nebraska child care program assists Nebraska families with the costs of child care, provides funding for child care providers to help them expand services within a community and provides training and development opportunities for child care providers and parents.

Help with child care expenses is available, on a sliding fee scale, to families with children 12 years of age or younger and/or with special needs. Family members must be employed, attend school or training sessions, go to medical or counseling appointments or be incapacitated.

The Nebraska Early Childhood Interagency Coordinating Council (statutory reference: 43-3401) provides coordination for the state agencies responsible for childcare, early childhood education services and early intervention services.

Child Support Enforcement

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Child Support Enforcement services include locating parents, establishing paternity, establishing child and medical support orders, enforcing support orders and reviewing and modifying court orders. The methods available to locate parents and collect support have increased because of recent legislation tied to welfare reform efforts, including a new hire registry and license suspension for people failing to pay support. Child Support Enforcement services are provided through a network of DHHS staff, county attorneys, authorized attorneys and contracted service providers.

Division of Developmental Disabilities

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The Division of Developmental Disabilities is charged by state statute with carrying out the Development Disabilities Services and Developmental Disability Court Ordered Custody acts and operating the Beatrice State Developmental Center (a 24-hour intermediate care facility for persons with developmental disabilities).

Community-Based Services

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The responsibility of the community-based services component is to link individuals with developmental disabilities to supports and services. This includes identifying non-specialized community supports; assessing the need for specialized services; providing certification of and technical assistance to providers of community-based developmental disability services; monitoring service delivery and administering state and federal funds used by specialized developmental disability programs in the state. The Advisory Committee on Developmental Disabilities (statutory reference: 83-1212.01) gives advice on the funding and delivery of services to persons with developmental disabilities.

Policy and Quality

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The primary responsibilities of the policy and quality team are to ensure consistent application of all state and federal regulations and to develop and disseminate communications from the division. The office is responsible for monitoring potential legislation that would impact individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. The team acts as liaison with Medicaid and Long-Term Care on issues related to services funded through Medicaid.

Beatrice State Developmental Center

Contact Person: John Reynolds, Adult Facility Administrator, P.O. Box 95026, Lincoln, NE 68509-5026, (402) 479-5388, email address — john.reynolds@nebraska.gov

Statutory References for BSDC: 83-107.01 and 83-217

The Beatrice State Developmental Center is a residential facility providing on-site intensive 24-hour habilitative and medical services to approximately 100 Nebraskans with developmental disabilities.

Division of Medicaid and Long-Term Care

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The Division of Medicaid and Long-Term Care includes Medicaid, the Children's

Health Insurance Plan (CHIP) and the State Unit on Aging. Medicaid pays for health care services to eligible elderly, persons with disabilities, low-income pregnant women and low-income children and their parents — covering more than one in every ten Nebraskans. The division also administers non-institutional home and community-based waivers including the aged, adults and children with disabilities.

The division is divided into four sections and the State Unit on Aging.

Delivery Systems

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This section is responsible for oversight of the managed care program and its associated contracts (Heritage Health), home and community-based services and benefit design.

Finance and Program Integrity

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This section oversees the program integrity unit, financial analysis and reimbursement and associated reporting.

Healthcare Informatics and Business Integration

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This section is responsible for eligibility and business operations, including technology initiatives to improve operational effectiveness, as well as data analytics and supporting functions.

Policy and Communications

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This section is responsible for external communications, regulatory compliance and oversight of the federal authorities under which the Medicaid program operates.

State Unit on Aging

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The unit collaborates with public and private service providers to ensure a comprehensive and coordinated community-based services system that assists individuals to live in a setting of their choice and continue to be contributing members of their community.

Division of Public Health

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The Division of Public Health administers preventive and community health programs and services, the regulation and licensure of health-related profession, occupations, health care facilities and health care services.

If the director of public health is licensed to practice medicine and surgery in Nebraska, he or she is also the chief medical officer. If the director of public health is not licensed to practice medicine and surgery in Nebraska, the governor appoints a chief medical officer in addition to the director. The chief medical officer is the final decision maker in contested cases of health care facilities and professionals, performs duties under current licensing laws and other duties as provided by law.

Community and Environmental Health Section

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Lifespan Health Services

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This area promotes public health activities that enhance the health of families and individuals through education, prevention of disease, reduction of morbidity and mortality and access to appropriate services. This mission is carried out through a wide range of programs and activities.

The Commodity Supplemental Food Program provides nutrition education and foods distributed by the U.S. Department of Agriculture through eight local agencies statewide to low-income seniors age 60 and older.

The Immunization Program provides vaccines, assessment and informational support to immunization clinics and private providers for children from birth to age 18, as well as selected vaccines for eligible adults and information about Hepatitis B prevention, adult immunization and travel immunizations. Newborn Screening and Genetics coordinates the screening of all newborns in the state for hearing and for 32 metabolic, endocrine, hematologic, lysosomal storage diseases, immunodeficiencies and other general conditions. The area also funds certain formulas and medically necessary foods.

Maternal Child Adolescent Health promotes school and community health programs, works with consumers and providers on a number of maternal and child health issues and administers the Healthy Mothers/Healthy Babies Helpline, Abstinence Education, Maternal, Infant and Early Childhood Home Visiting and Personal Responsibility and Education.

The Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) is a preventive nutrition and health program for pregnant, breastfeeding and

postpartum women, infants and children up to age 5 that provides nutrient-specific foods, nutrition, health education and breastfeeding promotion and support through 13 local agencies that provide services at approximately 100 clinic sites.

MCH Epidemiology plans and manages data and surveillance projects, including the Pregnancy Risk Assessment Monitoring Systems and the Child and Maternal Death Review Team.

The Nebraska Child and Maternal Death Review Team initially grew out of recommendations from a task force of the Nebraska Commission for the Protection of Children. (Statutory Reference: 71-3406). The task force recommended the establishment of a state child death review team to review detailed information on Nebraska child deaths through LB431, enacted in 1993. Maternal death reviews were added through LB361, enacted in 2013.

The chief executive officer of DHHS can appoint 12 to 15 members to the Child and Maternal Death Review Team. Members serve four-year terms, except for the department physician, who is a permanent member and chairperson of the team.

Reproductive Health provides education and funds for comprehensive medical reproductive health services to eligible subrecipients. Services are provided to men and women on a sliding fee scale, including breast and pelvic exams, pap smears, blood pressure, urinalysis, sexually transmitted disease testing and treatment, pregnancy testing, contraceptive methods, follow-up and referral.

Every Woman Matters is a program that helps women obtain preventive breast cancer, cervical cancer, heart disease and diabetes screenings based on health history and program guidelines. The Nebraska Colon Cancer Screening Program helps men and women obtain preventive colon cancer screenings based on health history and program guidelines.

Health Promotion

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Health Promotion works to reduce or prevent negative health outcomes through surveillance, public education and prevention activities and interventions. The area includes the following programs: Tobacco Free Nebraska; Chronic Disease; Infectious Disease; and Preventive Health and Health Services.

Community and Rural Health Planning

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Community and Rural Health Planning includes the offices of Community and Performance Management, Nebraska Council on Developmental Disabilities, Emergency Health Systems, Health Disparities and Health Equity and Rural Health.

The Office of Community and Performance Management provides technical assistance to local health departments, manages the Stem Cell Research Project, coor-

dinates efforts within the Division of Public Health to achieve national accreditation, coordinates development and implementation of the division's strategic plan, provides a public health needs assessment and works with key partners to develop and implement the State Health Improvement Plan.

The Nebraska Council on Developmental Disabilities (statutory reference: Federal Public Health Law 103-230) develops a statewide plan for persons with developmental disabilities; evaluates quality of services; advocates for human and legal rights of persons with developmental disabilities; provides subawards to address gaps and barriers; identifies legislation and educates policy makers on the impact of bills; and provides staff to serve on committees to ensure discussions include the needs of persons with developmental disabilities.

The Office of Emergency Health Systems promotes the statewide development and enhancement of emergency medical services (EMS); coordinates and develops the trauma, stroke and STEMI systems among hospitals and coordinated EMS services; oversees the EMS for Children grant and provides training and education to EMS providers. The office coordinates with the licensure area and provides reports of activities to the EMS Licensure Board.

The Office of Health Disparities and Health Equity works to improve health outcomes for Nebraska's culturally diverse populations. Priority populations are racial ethnic minorities, American Indians, refugees and immigrants. The office promotes and provides training on cultural competency and Culturally and Linguistically Appropriate Services (CLAS); provides statistical data to assess and identify health status of priority populations; works with partners at all levels to establish and strengthen networks, coalitions and partnerships; and oversees the Minority Health Initiative funds and the Native American Public Health funds and associated agreements.

The Office of Rural Health supports rural health care through the placement of medical providers in underserved areas, encourages collaboration among hospitals and providers and shares information regarding system changes affecting hospitals and clinics. The Rural Health Advisory Commission (statutory reference: 71-5654), staffed by the Office of Rural Health, advises the department, Legislature, governor, University of Nebraska and the citizens of Nebraska concerning all aspects of rural health. It also advises the office regarding administration of the Rural Health Systems and Professional Incentive Act. The office oversees five federal grants and administers the Nebraska State 30 J-1 Visa Waiver Program created by federal legislation to provide federal shortage areas with physician services.

Community and Environmental Health

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Environmental Health includes the Office of Environmental Health Hazards and Indoor Air, Office of Radiological Health, Office of Environmental Health and the Office of Public Health Environmental Laboratory Services.

The Office of Environmental Health Hazards and Indoor Air enforces regula-

tions to prevent diseases due to environmental risks and includes the Asbestos and Lead-Based Paint program, Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention program and the Radon and Indoor Air program. The office licenses and inspects businesses involved in environmental activities.

The Office of Radiological Health registers and inspects all x-ray generating equipment in the state. Under authority granted to Nebraska by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, the office licenses and inspects facilities that possess or use radioactive materials, issues permits for transportation of radioactive shipments across the state and maintains radiological emergency response capabilities in the event of a potential or actual release of radiation during a transportation accident or an incident at a nuclear power plant.

The Drinking Water program implements the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) by inspecting and licensing public water systems; trains and certifies public water system operators; reviews and approves plans and specifications associated with the design and construction of public water systems; develops water sampling schedules for monitoring drinking water in public water systems; monitors laboratory test results for compliance with applicable drinking water standards; issues administrative orders and imposes sanctions for violation of the SDWA; transmits reports and data to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency; and provides staff support for the Advisory Council on Public Water Supplies.

The Water Well Standards program administers the Well Water Standards and Contractors' Licensing Act, assures availability of training for regulated license holders, conducts inspections of wells, provides staff support for the Water Well Standards and Contractors' Licensing Board and inspects domestic water wells under a voluntary program.

The Environmental Health program provides training for certified pool operators and is responsible for licensing swimming pools, mobile homes parks and recreation camps. The program also inspects day care centers, schools and public institutions for sanitation and food safety and investigates nuisance complaints.

The Office of Public Health Environmental Laboratory Services provides reliable and accurate test results on samples of water, air and human blood and maintains certification from the EPA or an EPA-approved certification entity to assure the quality of test results.

Health Licensure and Health Data

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Vital Records

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Vital Records was created in 1905 as a legal depository for the state's vital records. This section officially registers, preserves, indexes and tabulates records of birth, death,

marriage and divorce. It also maintains certificates of delayed birth registration and adoptive certificates and serves as a resource for information about biological parents and siblings, subject to statutory guidelines on adoption. It serves as a central registry of adoptees' medical histories and as the biological fathers registry for those wishing to make a paternity claim for newborns. Vital Records also works with law enforcement agencies under the state's Missing Children Act. From these vital records, statistical reports are developed and made available for the public and various health planning and assessment purposes.

Public Health Preparedness and Emergency Response

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The Public Health Preparedness and Emergency Response section provides assistance to local public health departments, health care systems and various other response partners to assist in the management of preparedness activities and response capabilities.

The office coordinates efforts and manages grant funds and cooperative agreements provided to Nebraska to prepare for and respond to the threat of bioterrorism, public health emergencies and other all-hazard threats to the public health and safety of Nebraskans.

Primary programs within the section include Public Health Emergency Preparedness, Hospital Preparedness, Cities Readiness Initiative, Strategic National Stockpile and various Ebola virus disease grants.

The section also maintains the ability to provide response activities during a public health emergency, including command and control functions and assistance to local jurisdictions.

Investigations

Contact Person: Russ Fosler, Investigations Administrator, Gold's Building, 1033 O St., Suite 500, Lincoln, NE 68508, phone (402) 471-4964, email address — russ.fosler@nebraska.gov

This area's activities include investigations of licensed, registered or certified health care professionals and professionals in health care-related fields; unlicensed health care practice; precicensure investigations; and compliance with provisions of the Uniform Credentialing Act, rules and regulations governing professional practice and the Uniform Controlled Substances Act.

Epidemiology and Informatics

Contact Person: Ashley Newmyer, Administrator, Epidemiology and Informatics, 301 Centennial Mall South, P.O. Box 95026, Lincoln, NE 68509-5026, phone (402) 471-4377, email address — ashley.newmyer@nebraska.gov

Epidemiology and Informatics conducts public health surveillance, collects and maintains various health data and conducts data quality assurance with secured confidentiality.

Epidemiology responds to reports and outbreaks of acute diseases of public health significance and is responsible for infectious disease surveillance such as foodborne illnesses, vaccine-preventable diseases, influenza, vector-borne diseases and animal-related diseases; coordinates with bioterrorism surveillance and conducts outbreak investigations, hospital associated infection surveillance, occupational safety and health surveillance and antimicrobial resistance surveillance; and interfaces with electronic health records in clinics, hospitals and laboratories.

Health Statistics is responsible for health data collection and distribution, including the Cancer, Parkinson's and Birth Defects registries; outpatient surgical procedures data, hospital and nursing home utilization statistics, emergency medical services data, vital statistics and hospital discharge data. The office also collects survey data on major health risk factors among adults living in Nebraska to track changes in behaviors and gather other information related to health care.

Injury Surveillance provides epidemiological and data support for injury prevention and control activities and meets the needs of federal, state and local public health, highway safety, violence prevention and substance use prevention agencies. It uses the Trauma and Traumatic Brain Injury registries, CODES, the Nebraska violent death reporting system and prescription drug monitoring data.

Geographic Information Systems (GIS) and the Nebraska Public Health Joint Data Center develop, maintain and update public health data to improve public health practice and research.

Licensure

Contact: Becky Wisell, Administrator, Licensure Unit, 301 Centennial Mall South, P.O. Box 94986, Lincoln, NE 68509-4986, phone (402) 471-0179, email address — becky.wisell@nebraska.gov

The Licensure Unit is responsible for the licensure of individuals, facilities, services and programs that provide health-related services. These responsibilities are carried out through the following programs:

- Professional and Occupational Credentialing
- Health Care Facility Licensure and Certification
- Developmental Disabilities Community Based Services Provider Certification
- Child Care Program Licensure
- Children's Residential Child Caring Agency and Child Placing Agency Licensure

The unit also administers the Nebraska Credentialing Review Act, the Nebraska Certificate of Need Act and the State Board of Health. The unit works with 26 professional licensing boards and various other committees in administering licensing and regulatory activities for the programs listed above.

*Professions and Occupations Licensed, Certified and/or Registered***Medical and Specialized Health****Dentistry:**

- Dentist
- Dental Anesthesia Permits
- Dental Assistant
- Dental Faculty License
- Dental Hygienist
- Local Anesthesia Certification
- Locum Tenens

Medicine & Surgery:

- Acupuncturist
- Genetic Counselor
- Locum Tenens
- Osteopathic Medicine & Surgery
- Perfusionist
- Physician
- Physician Assistant
- Surgical First Assistant
- Temporary Educational Permit
- Temporary Physician Assistant
- Temporary Visiting Faculty Permit

Optometry:

- Optometrist
- Therapeutic Certifications

Pharmacy:

- Pharmacist
- Pharmacy Intern
- Pharmacy Technician
- Dispensing Practitioner
- Temporary Educational Permit

Podiatry:

- Podiatrist

Radiography:

- Limited Radiographer
- Medical Radiographer
- Podiatric Limited Radiographer
- Provisional Limited Radiographer
- Temporary Medical Radiographer

Veterinary Medicine & Surgery:

- Veterinarian
- Veterinary Technician
- Locum Tenens

Nursing and Nursing Support**Nursing:**

- Advanced Practice Registered Nurse -
 - Certified Nurse Midwife
- Advanced Practice Registered Nurse -
 - Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist
- Advanced Practice Registered Nurse -
 - Clinical Nurse Specialist
- Advanced Practice Registered Nurse -
 - Nurse Practitioner
- Licensed Practical Nurse/Registered Nurse

Nursing Support:

- Dialysis Patient Care Technician
- Medication Aide
- Nurse Aide
- Paid Dining Assistant

Professions and Occupations Licensed, Certified and/or Registered (Cont'd.)

Behavioral Health and Consumer Services

Alcohol and Drug Counseling:

Alcohol and Drug Counselor
Provisional Alcohol and Drug Counselor

Alcohol Breath/Blood Testing Permits**Body Art:**

Body Brander
Body Piercer
Permanent Color Technician
Tattoo Artist

Cosmetology:

Apprentice
Cosmetologist
Cosmetology Instructor
Temporary Practitioner

Electrology:

Electrologist
Electrology Instructor

Esthetician:

Esthetician
Esthetics Instructor

Funeral Directing & Embalming:

Funeral Director/Embalmer
Apprentice Funeral Director/Embalmer

Massage Therapy:

Massage Therapist
Temporary Massage Therapist

Medical Nutrition Therapist:

Medical Nutrition Therapist

Mental Health Practice:

Certified Social Worker
Independent Mental Health Practitioner
Marriage & Family Therapist
Master Social Work
Mental Health Practitioner
Professional Counselor
Provisionally Certified Master Social Worker
Provisionally Licensed Mental Health
Practitioner

Nail Technology:

Nail Technician
Nail Technology Instructor
Temporary Practitioner

Nursing Home Administration:

Administrator-in-Training/Mentoring
Program
Nursing Home Administrator
Preceptor
Provisional Nursing Home Administrator

Psychology:

30-day Permit
Provisionally Licensed Psychologist
Psychological Assistant/Psychologist
Associate
Psychologist
Special Licensed Psychologist
Temporary Psychologist

*Professions and Occupations Licensed, Certified and/or Registered (Cont'd.)***Rehabilitation and Community Services****Asbestos:**

- Inspector
- Management Planner
- Project Designer
- Project Monitor
- Supervisor
- Worker
- Limited Management Planner
- Limited Project Designer

Athletic Training:

- Athletic Trainer

Audiology/Speech-Language Pathology:

- Audiologist
- Audiology Assistant
- Speech-Language Pathologist

Chiropractic:

- Chiropractor

Emergency Medical Care Workers:

- Advanced Emergency Medical Technician
- Emergency Medical Responder
- Emergency Medical Technician
- Emergency Medical Service Instructor
- Emergency Medical Technician -
Intermediate
- Paramedic

Environmental Health Specialist:

- Provisional Environmental Health Specialist
- Registered Environmental Health Specialist

Hearing Aid Instrument Dispensing and**Fitting:**

- Hearing Instrument Specialist

Lead:

- Worker
- Inspector
- Risk Assessor
- Project Designer
- Supervisor
- Visual Lead Hazard Advisor
- Elevated Blood Lead Level Inspector

Occupational Therapy:

- Occupational Therapist
- Occupational Therapy Assistant

Physical Therapy:

- Physical Therapist
- Physical Therapy Assistant

Radon:

- Radon Measurement Specialist
- Radon Mitigation Specialist

Respiratory Care:

- Respiratory Care Practitioner

Swimming Pool Operator**Water Operator:**

- Grades 1-4
- Grade 5
- Grade 6

Well Drillers:

- Natural Resource Ground Water Technician
- Pump Installation Contractor
- Pump Installation Supervisor
- Water Well Monitoring Supervisor
- Water Well Monitoring Technician
- Well Drilling Contractor
- Well Drilling Supervisor
- Well Drilling/Pump Installation Contractor
- Well Drilling/Pump Installation Supervisor
- Well Drilling Contractor/Water Well
Monitor Supervisor
- Well Drilling Supervisor/Water Well
Monitor Supervisor

Credentialed Facilities, Services and Programs

Adult Day Services

Assisted Living Facilities

Body Art:

Body Art Facility

Child Care Facilities:

Family Home I's
Family Home II's
Child Care Centers
Preschools

Children's Day Health Services

Community Mental Health Centers

Comprehensive Outpatient Rehabilitation Facility

Cosmetology Establishments:

Apprentice Training Salons
Cosmetology Salons
Cosmetology Schools
Home Services
Satellite Classrooms

Developmental Disabilities:

Centers for Persons with
Developmental Disabilities

Intermediate Care Facilities for Persons with Developmental Disabilities

Emergency Medical Services:

Advanced Life Support Service
Basic Life Support Service
EMT Training Agencies

End Stage Renal Disease Services

Esthetician Establishments:

Esthetic Salons
School of Esthetics

Federally Qualified Health Centers

Funeral Establishments:

Funeral Establishment
Branch Establishments
Crematories

Health Clinics:

Abortion Clinics
Ambulatory Surgical Centers
Public Health Clinics

Home Health Agencies

Hospices

Hospitals:

Critical Access
General Acute
Long-Term Care
Psychiatric
Rehabilitation
Transplant

Laboratories

Massage Therapy Establishments:

Massage Therapy Establishments
Massage Therapy Schools

Mental Health Substance Abuse Treatment Centers:

In-Patient

Nail Technology Establishments:

Nail Technology Salons
Nail Technology Schools

Nursing Homes

Organ Procurement Organizations

Pharmacy Facilities:

Community Pharmacies
Delegated Dispensing Permit
Long-Term Care Automated Pharmacy
Mail-Order Ophthalmic Providers
Mail Service Pharmacy Permit
Remote Dispensing Pharmacy
Wholesale Drug Distributor

Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facilities

Rehabilitation Agencies:

Certified Occupational Rehabilitation Facilities
Occupational Therapy
Out-Patient Physical Therapy
Speech Therapy

Respite Care Services

Rural Health Clinics

Veterinary Medicine:

Veterinary Drug Distributor

X-ray Units - Portable

*Board of Advanced Practice Registered Nurses***Statutory Reference: 38-205**

Member	Position	Term Expires
Sheila Ellis, Omaha	Physician.....	Nov. 30, 2022
Jenna Fiala, Lincoln	Physician.....	Nov. 30, 2020
Barbara Foss, Elwood.....	Nurse Practitioner.....	Nov. 30, 2019
Timothy Glidden, Omaha.....	Anesthetist.....	Nov. 30, 2021
Stephen B. Jackson, Omaha	Public Member.....	Nov. 30, 2020
Alice Kindschuh, Omaha.....	Clinical Nurse Specialist.....	Nov. 30, 2020
Michael Losee, Lincoln	Public Member.....	Nov. 30, 2021
Michael Skoch, Omaha.....	Physician.....	Nov. 30, 2021
Jenda Stauffer, Omaha	Midwife.....	Nov. 30, 2022

*Board of Alcohol and Drug Counseling***Statutory Reference: 38-167**

Member	Position	Term Expires
Christine L. Chasek, Hildreth.....	Alcohol and Drug Counselor.....	Nov. 30, 2022
Lori Cleveland, Grand Island.....	Alcohol and Drug Counselor.....	Nov. 30, 2021
Jill Colegrove, Columbus.....	Alcohol and Drug Counselor.....	Nov. 30, 2022
Victor Gehrig, Gordon	Alcohol and Drug Counselor.....	Nov. 30, 2022
Jody Gilfillan, Lincoln	Alcohol and Drug Counselor.....	Nov. 30, 2019
Tomeka Johnson, Omaha	Public Member.....	Nov. 30, 2019
Ian Lemmer, Lincoln	Public Member.....	Nov. 30, 2020
Natasha A. Robinson, Boys Town.....	Psychiatrist.....	Nov. 30, 2023
Marlene A. Schneider, Omaha	Alcohol and Drug Counselor.....	Nov. 30, 2018

*Board of Athletic Training***Statutory Reference: 38-167**

Member	Position	Term Expires
Amie Carnahan, Gretna	Public Member.....	Nov. 30, 2021
Rebecca Docter, Omaha	Athletic Trainer	Nov. 30, 2021
Lisa Moore, Omaha	Athletic Trainer	Nov. 30, 2019
Jessica Roberts, Omaha.....	Athletic Trainer	Nov. 30, 2021

*Board of Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology***Statutory Reference: 38-167**

Member	Position	Term Expires
Katie Brennan, Lincoln.....	Speech-Language Pathologist.....	Nov. 30, 2020
Rhonda Dick, Omaha.....	Audiologist	Nov. 30, 2020
Craig A. Foss, Grand Island	Audiologist	Nov. 30, 2019
Jana M. Green, Minden	Speech-Language Pathologist.....	Nov. 30, 2019
David Vann, Lincoln.....	Public Member.....	Nov. 30, 2019

*Board of Chiropractic***Statutory Reference: 38-167**

Member	Position	Term Expires
Maryann Gamble, Bellevue	Public Member.....	Nov. 30, 2019
David W. Lauer, Lincoln	Chiropractor	Nov. 30, 2021
Jeremy Rethwisch, Omaha.....	Chiropractor	Nov. 30, 2019
Mark G. Wurth, Omaha.....	Chiropractor	Nov. 30, 2020

*Board of Cosmetology, Electrology, Esthetics, Nail Technology and Body Art***Statutory Reference: 38-167**

Member	Position	Term Expires
Bridget S. Anderson, Lincoln	Public Member.....	Nov. 30, 2020
Ronald Banse, Lincoln.....	Public Member.....	Nov. 30, 2022
Sandra Christie, Lincoln.....	Cosmetologist/Salon Owner.....	Nov. 30, 2020
Vicki R. Criswell, Plattsmouth	Esthetician.....	Nov. 30, 2022
Jacqueline Hornig, Omaha	School Owner.....	Nov. 30, 2021
Melanie Judkins, Omaha.....	Body Art Practitioner	Nov. 30, 2020
Ruth J. Lucas, McCook.....	Instructor.....	Nov. 30, 2020
Marie Nordboe, Fremont	Cosmetologist	Nov. 30, 2022
Becky Pettigrew, Valentine.....	Nail Technician.....	Nov. 30, 2019
Brandy Phillips, Kearney.....	Cosmetologist	Nov. 30, 2023
Pamela Rowland, Omaha.....	Licensed Instructor.....	Nov. 30, 2019
Vacant	Electrologist	Nov. 30, 2014
Vacant	Tanning Salon Owner.....	Nov. 30, 2019

*Board of Dentistry***Statutory Reference: 38-167**

Member	Position	Term Expires
Yoshiharu Ameku, Lincoln.....	Dental School Faculty.....	Nov. 30, 2020
Dennis M. Anderson, Omaha.....	Dentist.....	Nov. 30, 2021
Charles D. Bauer, Hastings	Dentist.....	Nov. 30, 2019
David Blaha, Omaha	Dental School Faculty.....	Nov. 30, 2021
Dean Cope, Cambridge.....	Dentist.....	Nov. 30, 2020
Cynthia Gaskill, Aurora.....	Dental Hygienist.....	Nov. 30, 2019
Lisa Kucera, Omaha.....	Dental Hygienist.....	Nov. 30, 2019
Mary C. Sneckenberg, Lincoln.....	Public Member.....	Nov. 30, 2019
Gregory Thomas, Omaha.....	Public Member.....	Nov. 30, 2019
John Thomas, LaVista.....	Dentist.....	Nov. 30, 2019

*Board of Emergency Medical Services***Statutory Reference: 38-1215**

Member	Position	Term Expires
Michael Bailey, Ansley	Paramedic.....	Dec. 1, 2018
Gary (Randy) Boldt, Omaha	First Responder.....	Dec. 1, 2022
John Bonta, Lincoln.....	Board-Certified Emergency Physician.....	Dec. 1, 2022
Karen Bowlin, Ogallala.....	Approved Training Agency Representative.....	Dec. 1, 2022
Joel E. Cerny, Schuyler.....	First Responder.....	Dec. 1, 2021
Thomas J. Degan, Omaha.....	Physician.....	Dec. 1, 2021
Ann F. Fiala, Ainsworth	Emergency Medical Technician.....	Dec. 1, 2022
Donald Harmon, Beatrice	Physician Assistant.....	Dec. 1, 2018
Linda Lee Jensen, Omaha.....	Registered Nurse.....	Dec. 1, 2021
Michael Miller, Omaha.....	Member At Large.....	Dec. 1, 2022
Carl L. Rennerfeldt, Blair.....	Emergency Medical Technician.....	Dec. 1, 2021
James E. Smith, North Platte.....	Board-Certified Emergency Physician	Dec. 1, 2021
Scott C. Wiebe, Lincoln	Emergency Medical Technician.....	Dec. 1, 2021
Vacant	Advanced EMT.....	Dec. 1, 2018
Vacant	Consumer.....	Dec. 1, 2018
Vacant	Emergency Medical Technician.....	Dec. 1, 2018

*Board of Funeral Directing and Embalming***Statutory Reference: 38-167**

Member	Position	Term Expires
Lawrence Battaglia, Omaha.....	Public Member.....	Nov. 30, 2020
Steven C. Brunken, Lincoln.....	Funeral Director/Embalmer	Nov. 30, 2021
Leo Seger, Atkinson.....	Funeral Director/Embalmer	Nov. 30, 2020
Arvid Wiest, Beatrice.....	Funeral Director/Embalmer	Nov. 30, 2019

*Board of Hearing Instrument Specialists***Statutory Reference: 38-1508**

Member	Position	Term Expires
Edward Granger, Omaha.....	Hearing Instrument Specialist	Nov. 30, 2019
Misti Lutt-Chmiel, Grand Island	Hearing Instrument Specialist	Nov. 30, 2023
Sandra K. Miller, Lincoln.....	Hearing Instrument Specialist	Nov. 30, 2021
Michael (Mick) P. Pierce, Lincoln	Public Member.....	Nov. 30, 2020
Kelly Pritchett, Lincoln	Audiologist.....	Nov. 30, 2023
Aaron Robinson, Lincoln	Otolaryngologist.....	Nov. 30, 2021

*Board of Massage Therapy***Statutory Reference: 38-167**

Member	Position	Term Expires
Brian T. Allison, Omaha	Public Member.....	Nov. 30, 2023
Steven Carper, Omaha	Massage Therapist	Nov. 30, 2021
Mallory Carstens, Hickman	Massage Therapist	Nov. 30, 2023
Michele Helaney, Omaha	Massage Therapist	Nov. 30, 2020

*Board of Medical Nutrition Therapy***Statutory Reference: 38-167**

Member	Position	Term Expires
Crystal Zabka Belsky, Omaha	Medical Nutrition Therapist	Nov. 30, 2019
Nancy Bertolino, Papillion.....	Medical Nutrition Therapist	Nov. 30, 2019
Christina Fernandez, Omaha.....	Physician.....	Nov. 30, 2023
Elizabeth Kenyon, Mitchell.....	Medical Nutrition Therapist	Nov. 30, 2020
Vacant	Public Member.....	Nov. 30, 2015

*Board of Medical Radiography***Statutory Reference: 38-167**

Member	Position	Term Expires
Brandon D. Holt, Lexington	Radiographer.....	Nov. 30, 2020
Denise E. Logan, Lincoln.....	Radiographer.....	Nov. 30, 2022
Francine Oran, Lincoln.....	Limited Radiographer.....	Nov. 30, 2018
James B. Temme, Omaha.....	Radiographer.....	Nov. 30, 2019
Denise Tomek, Columbus	Medical Radiographer.....	Nov. 30, 2021

*Board of Medicine and Surgery***Statutory Reference: 38-167**

Member	Position	Term Expires
Michael J. Bittles, West Point.....	Physician.....	Nov. 30, 2019
Mark D. Goodman, Omaha	Medical School Faculty.....	Nov. 30, 2021
Jodanne Hedrick, Omaha	Osteopathic Physician	Nov. 30, 2023
Merle J. Henkenius, Lincoln	Public Member	Nov. 30, 2019
Jeffrey L. Howorth, Plattsmouth.....	Public Member	Nov. 30, 2019

John Massey, Lincoln.....	Physician.....	Nov. 30, 2022
Maria Michaelis, Omaha.....	Medical School Faculty.....	Nov. 30, 2023
Todd Stull, Lincoln.....	Physician.....	Nov. 30, 2020

*Board of Mental Health Practice***Statutory Reference: 38-167**

Member	Position	Term Expires
Laurie Andrews, Aurora.....	Public Member.....	Nov. 30, 2023
Dale G. Battleson, Omaha.....	Certified Marriage and Family Therapist.....	Nov. 30, 2019
Chante Chambers, Omaha.....	Public Member.....	Nov. 30, 2019
Cassandra Dittmer, Lincoln.....	Certified Marriage and Family Therapist.....	Nov. 30, 2023
Susan Feyen, Omaha.....	Certified Master Social Worker.....	Nov. 30, 2021
L. Janeen Gill, North Platte.....	Licensed Mental Health Practitioner.....	Nov. 30, 2020
David Hof, Kearney.....	Certified Professional Counselor.....	Nov. 30, 2020
Thomas Z. Maxson, Kearney.....	Licensed Mental Health Practitioner.....	Nov. 30, 2020
Terrance Moore, Omaha.....	Certified Master Social Worker.....	Nov. 30, 2020
Sarita (Sarah) L. Ruma, Omaha.....	Certified Professional Counselor.....	Nov. 30, 2021

*Nebraska Center for Nursing Board***Statutory Reference: 71-1799**

Member	Position	Term Expires
Tamara Allen, Grand Island.....	Governor Designee.....	June 21, 2020
Sheila Bjerrum, Bradshaw.....	State Board of Health Designee.....	June 21, 2021
Lina D. Bostwick, Lincoln.....	Governor Designee.....	June 21, 2019
Kathryn Bowman, Central City.....	Hospital Industry.....	June 21, 2020
Beth Burbach, Norfolk.....	Nurse Educator.....	June 21, 2021
Suzanne Deyke, Columbus.....	Governor Designee.....	June 21, 2020
Kayleen Dudley, Lincoln.....	Governor Designee.....	June 21, 2020
Charity Ebert, Lincoln.....	Governor Designee.....	June 21, 2019
Teresa Faith, Palisade.....	Licensed Practical Nurse.....	June 21, 2019
Christi Glessmann, Papillion.....	Nurse Educator.....	June 21, 2019
Kathy Harrison, North Platte.....	Nurse Educator.....	June 21, 2020
Anna J. May, Omaha.....	Governor Designee.....	June 21, 2019
Joan Nelson, Elkhorn.....	State Board of Health Designee.....	June 21, 2021
Dorothy Scrivner, Omaha.....	State Board of Health Designee.....	June 21, 2021
Pamela Uhr, Kearney.....	Registered Nurse.....	June 21, 2019
Lisa A. Walters, Norfolk.....	Governor Designee.....	June 21, 2017

*Board of Nursing***Statutory Reference: 38-2213**

Member	Position	Term Expires
Janet Andrew, Auburn.....	Practical Nurse.....	Nov. 30, 2020
Angela Cuffe, Elgin.....	Practical Nurse.....	Nov. 30, 2023
Anne Dey, Omaha.....	Nursing Service Administrator.....	Nov. 30, 2021
Tag Herbek, Omaha.....	Public Member.....	Nov. 30, 2023
Louise LaFramboise, Omaha.....	Baccalaureate Nurse Educator.....	Nov. 30, 2020
Patricia Motl, Omaha.....	Staff Nurse.....	Nov. 30, 2020
Kristene Perrin, Scottsbluff.....	Staff Nurse.....	Nov. 30, 2019
Linda Stones, Lincoln.....	Nursing Service Administrator.....	Nov. 30, 2023

Rita Thalken, Lincoln.....	Public Member.....	Nov. 30, 2023
Karen Weidner, Norfolk.....	Associate Degree or Diploma Nurse Educator.....	Nov. 30, 2019
Katherine (Katie) Werth, Omaha.....	Registered Nurse Advanced Practice	Nov. 30, 2021

Board of Nursing Home Administration

Statutory Reference: 38-2406

Member	Position	Term Expires
Scott A. Bahe, Gothenburg.....	Proprietary Home	Nov. 30, 2019
Amy M. Fish, Lincoln.....	Proprietary Home	Nov. 30, 2020
Renea B. Gernant, Seward.....	College Faculty.....	Nov. 30, 2019
Karen E. Jones, Lincoln.....	Public Member.....	Nov. 30, 2020
Natalie Manley, Omaha.....	Physician.....	Nov. 30, 2023
Kevin L. Moriarty, Holdrege.....	Nonprofit Home.....	Nov. 30, 2019
C. Dean Schmid, Albion.....	Public Member.....	Nov. 30, 2018
Debra L. Sutton, Endicott.....	Nurse.....	Nov. 30, 2023
Alex Willford, Grand Island.....	Nonprofit Home.....	Nov. 30, 2020

Nursing Home Advisory Council

Statutory Reference: 38-167

Member	Position	Term Expires
Vicki L. Adolf, Papillion.....	Registered Nurse	Aug. 1, 2013
Kelli L. Coover, Omaha.....	Pharmacist.....	Aug. 1, 2012
Kay A. Einspahr, Arcadia.....	Nursing Home Administrator.....	Aug. 1, 2014
Edward Finan, Omaha.....	Public Member.....	Aug. 1, 2011
Pamela Griffin, North Bend.....	Nursing Home Administrator.....	Aug. 1, 2011
Marilyn Larson, Waverly.....	Public Member.....	Aug. 1, 2012
Thomas Magnuson, Omaha.....	Physician and Surgeon.....	Aug. 1, 2013
Patricia A. Moeller, Pierce.....	State or Local Government	Aug. 1, 2013
Raymond L. Norris, Osceola.....	Public Member.....	Aug. 1, 2010
Jama L. Obermiller, Grand Island.....	Dentist.....	Aug. 1, 2010
Karen R. Page, Adams	Public Member.....	Aug. 1, 2013
Tom Ryan, Lincoln.....	Health and Human Services	Jan. 1, 2015
Robert Semerena, Lincoln.....	Health and Human Services	Jan. 1, 2015
Blaine Shaffer, Lincoln.....	Health and Human Services	Jan. 1, 2015
John Turner, Papillion.....	Nursing Home Administrator.....	Aug. 1, 2011
Kari Wockenfuss, Weeping Water.....	Nursing Home Administrator.....	Aug. 1, 2012

Board of Occupational Therapy Practice

Statutory Reference: 38-2515

Member	Position	Term Expires
Alfred Bracciano, Papillion.....	Occupational Therapist	Nov. 30, 2022
Marcus Doughty, North Platte.....	Occupational Therapist	Nov. 30, 2021
Nancy Peetz, North Platte.....	Public Member.....	Nov. 30, 2020
Linda M. Storz, Lincoln.....	Occupational Therapist	Nov. 30, 2018

Board of Optometry

Statutory Reference: 38-167

Member	Position	Term Expires
Michael J. O'Hara, Omaha.....	Public Member.....	Nov. 30, 2019
Jeffrey W. Pape, Norfolk.....	Optometrist.....	Nov. 30, 2020
Robert S. Vandervort, Omaha.....	Optometrist.....	Nov. 30, 2019
Theodore Vorhies, Lincoln.....	Optometrist.....	Nov. 30, 2021

*Board of Pharmacy***Statutory Reference:** 38-167

Member	Position	Term Expires
Sabrina Beck, Omaha	Hospital Pharmacist.....	Nov. 30, 2023
Charlene Dunbar, Lincoln	Public Member.....	Nov. 30, 2021
Patty Gollner, Hastings	Pharmacist.....	Nov. 30, 2019
Kenneth L. Saunders, Omaha.....	Pharmacist.....	Nov. 30, 2020
Angela Svoboda, Ord	Pharmacist.....	Nov. 30, 2021

*Board of Physical Therapy***Statutory Reference:** 38-167

Member	Position	Term Expires
Betsy Becker, Omaha.....	Physical Therapist.....	Nov. 30, 2021
Kirk Peck, Omaha.....	Physical Therapist.....	Nov. 30, 2020
Rachel Reiman, Blair.....	Physical Therapist.....	Nov. 30, 2019
Thomas C. Victor, Omaha	Public Member.....	Nov. 30, 2019

*Physician Assistant Committee***Statutory Reference:** 38-167

Member	Position	Term Expires
Tom Bassett, Lincoln.....	Public Member.....	Nov. 30, 2019
Michael J. Bittles, West Point.....	Medical Board Member.....	Nov. 30, 2021
Tamara Dolphens, Papillion.....	Physician Assistant.....	Nov. 30, 2019
David Hoelting, Pender.....	Supervising Physician	Nov. 30, 2019
Kathleen Tonkin, Lincoln.....	Physician Assistant.....	Nov. 30, 2021

*Board of Podiatry***Statutory Reference:** 38-167

Member	Position	Term Expires
Scott C. Nelson, Omaha	Podiatrist.....	Nov. 30, 2021
Richard J. Raska, North Platte.....	Podiatrist.....	Nov. 30, 2019
Torrey B. Rassfeld, Lincoln	Podiatrist.....	Nov. 30, 2020
R. McLaran Sawyer, Lincoln.....	Public Member.....	Nov. 30, 2019

*Board of Psychology***Statutory Reference:** 38-167

Member	Position	Term Expires
Karen Billingsley, Elkhorn.....	Public Member.....	Nov. 30, 2019
Stephanie Bruhn, Lincoln.....	Psychologist.....	Nov. 30, 2020
Jennifer Dreibelbis, Omaha.....	Public Member.....	Nov. 30, 2019
Mary Flood, Lincoln.....	Psychologist.....	Nov. 30, 2019
Mark Lukin, Lincoln.....	Psychologist.....	Nov. 30, 2022
Connie Petersen, Norfolk.....	Psychologist.....	Nov. 30, 2023
Stacey Waldron, Lincoln	Psychologist.....	Nov. 30, 2021

*Board of Registered Environmental Health Specialists***Statutory Reference:** 38-167

Member	Position	Term Expires
Jeremy Collinson, Grand Island.....	Environmental Health Specialist.....	Nov. 30, 2019
Larry Hardesty, Kearney.....	Public Member.....	Nov. 30, 2019
Kathy King, Lincoln.....	Environmental Health Specialist.....	Nov. 30, 2023
Sarah Pistillo, Omaha.....	Environmental Health Specialist.....	Nov. 30, 2023
Michael Wentink, North Platte	Environmental Health Specialist.....	Nov. 30, 2019
Vacant	Public Member.....	Nov. 30, 2023

Board of Respiratory Care Practice

Statutory Reference: 38-167

Member	Position	Term Expires
Adam Case, Omaha	Public Member.....	Nov. 30, 2021
William (Bill) Johnson, Lincoln.....	Physician	Nov. 30, 2019
Joseph Rush, Lincoln.....	Respiratory Care Practitioner	Nov. 30, 2021
Jill Sand, Lincoln	Respiratory Care Practitioner	Nov. 30, 2020

Board of Veterinary Medicine and Surgery

Statutory Reference: 38-167

Member	Position	Term Expires
Elizabeth Farrington, Omaha	Veterinarian	Nov. 30, 2021
Linda Heiden, Bertrand.....	Public Member.....	Nov. 30, 2019
Micah R. Kohles, Louisville.....	Veterinarian	Nov. 30, 2020
Joshua Schlote, Norfolk	Veterinary Technician	Nov. 30, 2021
James Unwin, Oakland.....	Veterinarian	Nov. 30, 2019

State Board of Health

Statutory Reference: 71-2601

The State Board of Health, created by the Legislature in 1891, appoints members to 26 healthcare professional licensing boards and actively recruits applicants. The board reviews initial credentialing and scope of practice changes of health professionals prior to final consideration by the Legislature, which is known as the 407 Process Credentialing Review. They also review rules and regulations.

The State Board of Health views public health as a major initiative and has a recognition program for community preventive health efforts. The board continues to research other issues including alcohol and tobacco use and cessation, indoor air quality, youth violence, obesity, school bus seatbelt use and mental health services.

The board prepares an annual report to the governor, which is also available to senators on the Legislature’s Health and Human Services Committee, DHHS, the 26 healthcare professional boards, major healthcare professional associations and other interested parties. The board has representatives assigned to the Nebraska Center for Nursing Board and Credentialing Review Technical Review Committees.

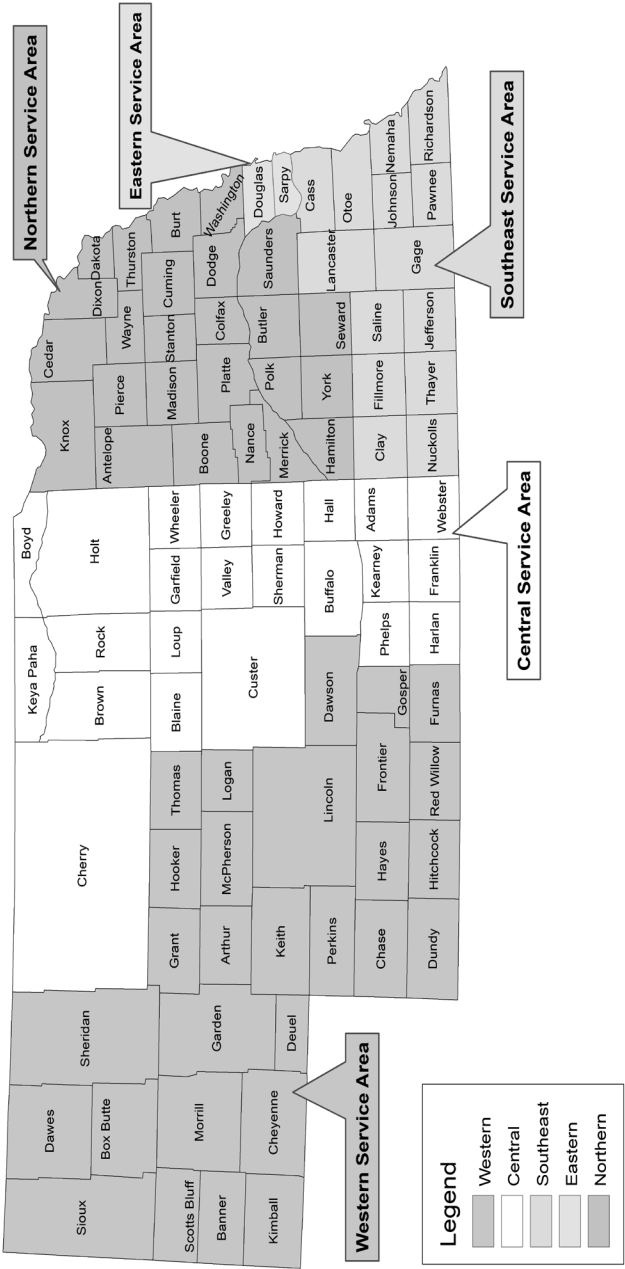
The board’s four standing committees are: Rules and Regulations, Credentialing Review, Professional Boards and Public Health, Education and Legislation. The board holds one of its regular public meetings in a location other than Lincoln and conducts separate meetings to interview professional board applicants and address legislative issues.

The board’s 17 members are appointed by the governor, with approval from the Legislature, to five-year terms. Members include two medical doctors, two nurses, a hospital administrator, a dentist, a veterinarian, a professional engineer, a pharmacist, an optometrist, a podiatrist, an osteopath or osteopathic surgeon, a chiropractor, a physical therapist, a mental health professional and two people representing the public. The governor serves as an ex officio member, with voting power only in case of tie. The board elects officers annually.

Member	Position	Term Expires
Kevin Borchert, Omaha	Pharmacist	Aug. 1, 2019
Shane Fleming, Columbus.....	Nurse	Aug. 1, 2019

Michael Hansen, Columbus.....	Hospital Administrator.....	Aug. 1, 2020
Russell Hopp, Omaha.....	Medical Doctor.....	Aug. 1, 2019
Diane Jackson, Franklin.....	Nurse.....	Aug. 1, 2020
Teresa Konda, Omaha.....	Professional Engineer.....	Aug. 1, 2018
Dale Michels, Lincoln.....	Medical Doctor.....	Aug. 1, 2015
Anthony Moravec, Wahoo.....	Veterinarian.....	Aug. 1, 2018
Debra Parsow, Omaha.....	Public Member.....	Aug. 1, 2020
Paul Salansky, Nebraska City.....	Optometrist.....	Aug. 1, 2018
Heidi J. Stark, Lincoln.....	Dentist.....	Aug. 1, 2019
Wayne Stuber, Omaha.....	Physical Therapist.....	Aug. 1, 2020
Travis James Teetor, Omaha.....	Physician.....	Aug. 1, 2019
James Trebbien, Bennington.....	Public Member.....	Aug. 1, 2020
Douglas Vander Broek, Lincoln.....	Chiropractor.....	Aug. 1, 2020
Joshua Vest, Lincoln.....	Podiatrist.....	Aug. 1, 2018
Jeromy Warner, Hastings.....	Clinical Psychologist.....	Aug. 1, 2018
Pete Ricketts, Lincoln/Omaha.....	Governor.....	Ex Officio

Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services
Service Areas



* Source: Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services.

Department of Insurance

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Director: Bruce Ramage

Statutory Reference: 81-101

Publications: *Summary of Insurance Business in Nebraska*

The first complete insurance code in Nebraska, enacted in 1913, provided for an insurance board to administer the code. Before 1913, the territorial auditor and later the state auditor issued certificates to insurance companies and exercised some powers in investigating and inspecting those companies.

The duties of the Insurance Board were given to the Bureau of Insurance in the Department of Trade and Commerce in 1919. In 1933, the bureau became the Department of Insurance. In 1947, the Legislature passed laws that updated the 1913 code. The director of insurance is appointed by the governor.

The Department of Insurance is the primary financial solvency regulator for all Nebraska domestic insurers and the market regulator for insurance transactions in Nebraska. The department's mission is to safeguard those affected by the business of insurance through the fulfillment of its statutory obligations and to promote fair and just treatment of all parties to insurance transactions.

The department includes the following divisions: Administration, Administrative Services, Consumer Affairs, Financial Regulation, Fraud Prevention, Human Resources, Legal, Life and Health, Market Conduct, Producer Licensing and Property and Casualty. Regulation by the department includes statutory responsibilities related to financial oversight, collection of premium tax and surplus lines tax, market conduct surveillance, licensure of all producers, agencies and companies wishing to do business in Nebraska, periodic examinations of company affairs, review and approval of policy filings and rates for life, health and property and casualty insurance, investigation of rating and claims practice inquiries, addressing consumers' insurance-related complaints and investigating suspected insurance fraud.

The department also coordinates and maintains the Senior Health Insurance Information Program (SHIIP), a federally funded statewide seniors counseling program that provides free, unbiased health insurance information to Medicare-eligible individuals. In addition, the department has added a Health Policy Division that is responsible for the state-related coordination and implementation of the Affordable Care Act (ACA). It operates with assistance from a federal grant to perform various functions relating to rate review and other functions mandated by the ACA.

The department also is responsible for oversight or coordination of the Workers' Compensation Pool, the Nebraska Comprehensive Health Insurance Pool, the Nebraska Life and Health Insurance Guaranty Association and the Nebraska Property and Liability Insurance Guaranty Association. The department administers the Nebraska Hospital-Medical Liability Act, which entails the qualifying of applicable medical professionals and hospitals for the excess liability fund, collecting surcharges, qualifying individuals for the medical liability residual fund and monitoring and participating in the defense of applicable medical liability suits.

The department works closely with the National Association of Insurance Commissioners (NAIC), a standard setting organization with regulatory members from all 50 states, the District of Columbia and several territories. The NAIC fosters coordination among the states and provides numerous services to the department including specialized regulatory information technology and database management services.

Department of Labor

Office Address: 550 S. 16th St., P.O. Box 94600, Lincoln, NE 68509-4600, phone (402) 471-9000, website — dol.nebraska.gov

Commissioner: John H. Albin

Statutory Reference: 81-101

Publications: annual reports, monthly state unemployment rate releases, other labor market information publications including labor availability studies and *Nebraska Workforce Trends* online magazine

The 1887 Legislature created the Bureau of Labor, Census and Industrial Statistics. The governor was named commissioner of labor with office duties performed by a deputy commissioner and other employees. The 1917 Legislature created the office of deputy compensation commissioner, and in 1919 the office's duties were assigned to the secretary of labor. In 1933, the title of the chief deputy was changed to commissioner.

Today, the Nebraska Department of Labor (NDOL) helps Nebraskans prosper through responsive workforce services that connect the state's employers to educated and skilled workers through a service delivery network of public and private partners.

The NDOL is organized into eight divisions: the Commissioner of Labor, General Counsel, Administrative Services, Finance, Employment and Training, Unemployment Insurance, Labor Market Information and Safety. The department delivers services through one administrative office in Lincoln as well as American Job Centers and NDOL office locations in Alliance, Beatrice, Columbus, Fremont, Grand Island, Hastings, Lexington, Lincoln, McCook, Nebraska City, Norfolk, North Platte, Omaha, Scottsbluff, Sidney and York.

Office of the Commissioner

Commissioner of Labor: John H. Albin, 550 S. 16th St., P.O. Box 94600, Lincoln, NE 68509-4600, phone (402) 471-9000, email address — john.albin@nebraska.gov

The commissioner of labor is the chief executive officer for the Nebraska Department of Labor, appointed by the governor and confirmed by the Legislature. The office is responsible for oversight of all department divisions, as well as the public information office and process improvement personnel. In addition to the duties prescribed by statute, the commissioner serves on boards, commissions and task force entities as determined by the governor.

General Counsel

Director: Katie S. Thurber, 550 S. 16th St., P.O. Box 94600, Lincoln, NE 68509-4600, phone (402) 471-9912, fax (402) 471-9917, email address — katie.thurber@nebraska.gov

The General Counsel division provides legal and legislative services to the commissioner, department divisions and agency boards, including:

- legal services for all programs of the NDOL
- hearings on unemployment benefits and tax appeals
- the Benefit Accuracy Measurement (BAM) program, which reviews the payment and denial of unemployment benefits
- programs relating to labor law, contractor registration and employee classification
- the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act monitoring program

Administrative Services

Director: Angela Hansen-Kruse, 550 S. 16th St., P.O. Box 94600, Lincoln, NE 68509-4600, phone (402) 471-8358, email address — angela.hansen-kruse@nebraska.gov

The Administrative Services division includes: Information Technology (IT), Human Resources and Facilities and Buildings.

IT delivers services to the public through:

- planning, building and maintaining information systems in a secure environment for agency computing and communications
- providing development, planning, project management, reporting and end user and network support
- managing IT assets, contracts, licensing and purchasing of IT goods and services
- aligning fiscal resources with agency technology requirements

Human Resources:

- provides support to approximately 350 employees
- oversees and manages employee recruitment, retention, classification and compensation, benefits, training, leadership development, performance management, affirmative action, employee equal opportunity, labor relations, equity and diversity, payroll processing, workers' compensation, human resource planning and other employee services

Facilities and Buildings:

- manages day-to-day facility operations, maintenance and distribution of mail, forms and supplies
- provides property management, security and emergency planning
- provides administrative services, facilities planning and construction oversight

Finance

Controller/Director: Kim Schreiner, 550 S. 16th St., P.O. Box 94600, Lincoln, NE 68509-4600, phone (402) 471-2492, fax (402) 471-8041, email address — kim.schreiner@nebraska.gov

The Finance division provides services to programs administering numerous federal grants, in addition to cash-funded programs and general fund appropriations. The agency's unique cost accounting structure is utilized in conjunction with the state's Enterprise One accounting system. A post-issuance funding technique is used for compliance with the Cash Management Act.

The agency's treasury division functions as the cash management system for the

department. It is responsible for all unemployment revenues collected and all related disbursements. The management and balances of the unemployment trusts and bank accounts are under treasury's direction. Treasury ensures that these balances are as cash efficient as possible and also functions as the depositor of taxes collected and disbursing of benefits paid under Unemployment Insurance. This disbursement is done under the authority of Nebraska Employment Security Law. The commissioner of labor is charged with maintaining the solvency of Nebraska's account in the Unemployment Trust Fund held by the United States Treasury in Washington, D.C.

The Finance Division:

- supports, operates and maintains agency financial management systems
- oversees budget preparation, financial reporting, coordination of long-term agency financial needs and preparation and oversight of the Agency Cost Allocation Plan
- administers accounts payable, contracts and grant management
- prepares fiscal impact statements and coordinates and resolves audit procedures and issues
- completes federal unemployment insurance financial reports
- coordinates the procurement of agency goods and services
- manages surplus property and property insurance
- maintains facility plans, building inventory, usage records, space plans, construction requests and documentation
- coordinates facility lease and custodial agreements
- monitors for compliance with federal grant and state statute regulations and rules as well as compliance with generally accepted accounting principles

Employment and Training

Director: Stan Odenthal, 550 S. 16th St., P.O. Box 94600, Lincoln, NE 68509-4600, phone (402) 471-9948, email address — stan.odenthal@nebraska.gov

The Employment and Training division provides direct services to employers and job seekers statewide through American Job Centers and NDOL locations throughout the state. The division also has grant management and reporting responsibilities for a variety of federal employment and training grants, including:

- Wagner-Peyser Employment and Re-employment services
- Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act statewide administrative activities
- Rapid Response programs and WARN notices
- Trade Adjustment Act programs
- Worker Opportunity Tax Credit and Foreign Labor Certification
- Nebraska Worker Training Program
- Greater Nebraska Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act program delivery
- Jobs for Veterans State Grants program
- other discretionary grants awarded through the Employment and Training Administration

Nebraska Workforce Development Board

The Nebraska Workforce Development Board is mandated by the federal Work-

force Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014 (WIOA). The board is appointed by the governor and represents a wide variety of individuals, businesses and organizations throughout the state. The board guides Nebraska's implementation of WIOA, which requires aligning federal investments in job training, integrating service delivery across programs and ensuring that workforce investments are job-driven and match employers with skilled workers.

Member	Represents
John Albin, Lincoln	Department of Labor
Matthew Blomstedt, Central City	Department of Education
Brian E. Deakin, Holdrege	Business
Jason Feldhaus, Lincoln	Youth
Michael Geary, Omaha	Business
Allan F. Hale, Omaha	Business
Sen. Matt Hansen, Lincoln	Legislature
James Hanson, Jr., Omaha	Business
Susan Martin, Omaha	Labor
Mark Moravec, Grand Island	Business
Don Nordell, Lincoln	Business
Gov. Pete Ricketts, Lincoln/Omaha	Governor
Terri Ridder, West Point	Business
Dave Rippe, Lincoln	Department of Economic Development
Bradley Schroeder, Omaha	Business
Jennifer Sedlacek, Omaha	Business
Darnett R. Smith, Lincoln	Department of Health and Human Services
Becky L. Stitt, Scottsbluff	Business
Carol A. Swigart, Lincoln	Business
Lisa Wilson, Grand Island	Business

Nebraska Worker Training Board

Contact Person: Steve Porr, Coordinator, Nebraska Worker Training Program, 550 S. 16th St., P.O. Box 94600, Lincoln, NE 68509-4600, phone (402) 471-9977, fax (402) 471-2022, email address — steve.porr@nebraska.gov

Statutory Reference: 48-622.03

The Worker Training Board prepares an annual program plan and develops guidelines for the operation of all training programs financed by the Nebraska Training and Support Cash Fund. The board reports to the governor annually on the activities and performance of programs financed by the cash fund and serves as an advisory body on all program oversight issues.

The board has six governor-appointed members: three members of the State Advisory Council (a representative of employers, a representative of employees and a representative of the public); the commissioner of labor/director of economic development (or his or her designee); and a representative of the Nebraska Community College Association. The governor determines terms of office for board members. The governor also designates a chairperson, selected from one of the three council members.

The board meets quarterly. Other meetings are called by the chairperson or at the request of other board members. Members are paid mileage when conducting board business. Program disbursements require the approval of the governor, upon recom-

mentation of the commissioner of labor. The commissioner employs staff to perform duties as the board requires.

Member	Represents	Term Expires
Greg Adams, York	Nebraska Community College Association	Jan. 1, 2019
John Albin, Lincoln	Department of Labor	Jan. 1, 2019
Linda Black, Lincoln	Department of Economic Development	Jan. 1, 2019
Matthew Blomstedt, Central City	Department of Education	Jan. 1, 2019
John Bourne, Omaha	Employees	Jan. 1, 2021
Greg Eden, Lincoln	Employers	Jan. 1, 2019
Jacquie Slagle, Kearney	Public	Jan. 1, 2019

Unemployment Insurance

Director: Nellie Spangler, 550 S. 16th St., P.O. Box 94600, Lincoln, NE 68509-4600, phone (402) 471-9877, email address — nellie.spangler@nebraska.gov

Unemployment Insurance - Benefits

Administrator: Richard Prince, 550 S. 16th St., P.O. Box 94600, Lincoln, NE 68509-4600, phone (402) 471-8522, email address — richard.prince@nebraska.gov

The Unemployment Insurance - Benefits division administers Unemployment Insurance Benefits operations per Nebraska Employment Security Law. Responsibilities include processing and payment of benefits to unemployed workers.

Located within the division are several integrity-related programs, including the Benefit Payment Control Unit, which detects and collects both non-fraudulent and fraudulent overpayments. The unit establishes overpayment and collects by offsetting payable benefits, negotiating repayment agreements, court restitution or state and federal income tax intercepts. The Internal Security Unit is responsible for monitoring and maintaining unemployment insurance system security. The Tax Performance System monitors the unemployment insurance tax system through systematic tax program reviews, done on a quarterly basis.

Unemployment Insurance - Benefits programs include:

- intrastate benefit programs involving claims filed in Nebraska where all wages are earned in Nebraska
- interstate benefit programs involving claims filed in one agency state based on wages earned in another liable state
- combined wage benefit programs involving claims filed in Nebraska where wages are earned in more than one state
- federally financed Unemployment Insurance programs, including unemployment compensation for ex-service members and unemployment compensation for federal employees
 - Trade Adjustment Assistance and Disaster Unemployment Assistance programs
 - Approved training benefits program
 - Short-time compensation program

Unemployment Insurance - Tax

Administrator: Jim Kubovy, 550 S. 16th St., P.O. Box 94600, Lincoln, NE 68509-4600, phone (402) 471-4525, fax (402) 471-9994, email address — jim.kubovy@nebraska.gov

The Unemployment Insurance - Tax division administers the tax and wage systems as described in Nebraska Employment Security Law. The division's duties include:

- determining new employer liability and processing transfers of unemployment insurance accounts
- collecting and processing employer tax and wage reports and delinquent payments of combined tax
- auditing employers to ensure compliance
- investigating allegations of system abuse and enforcing compliance
- resolving employment issues that prevent benefit claim processing

Labor Market Information

Administrator: Phil Baker, 550 S. 16th St., P.O. Box 94600, Lincoln, NE 68509-4600, phone (402) 471-2600, fax (402) 471-9867, email address — phil.baker@nebraska.gov

The Labor Market Information (LMI) division provides a variety of information products and manages various federal grants. Labor market information is used to describe and predict the relationship between labor demand and supply. This data is used to describe a local area's economic picture, which impacts social, fiscal, technological and economic policies, employer hiring and other business decisions, allocation of funds by policy makers, individual career choices, educational programs and the amount of government assistance individuals receive.

The division conducts surveys and uses administrative data gathered through the process of required federal reports and management information used by the agency. Information is collected and disseminated about employment levels and trends, wages and earnings, estimates of labor availability, industrial and occupational projections, business staffing patterns, career planning information, benefits and labor force demographics. Funding for the division comes from federal grants, primarily from the Employment and Training Administration and the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor.

The Employment and Training Administration's Workforce Information Grant requires the Labor Market Information division annually to:

- populate the Workforce Information Database with state and local data
- produce and disseminate short-term and long-term industry and occupational projections
- conduct and publish relevant economic analysis, special workforce information and/or studies of economic benefit to the governor and state and local Workforce Information
- post LMI products, information and reports on the department's website: networks.nebraska.gov

- partner and consult with workforce investment boards and other key workforce and economic development partners and stakeholders

The Bureau of Labor Statistics requires annual data including:

- current employment statistics - monthly nonfarm industry employment estimates for the state and Omaha, Lincoln and Grand Island Metropolitan Statistical Areas

- local area unemployment statistics - monthly labor force data and unemployment rates for Nebraska; considered a leading economic indicator

- occupational employment statistics - occupational employment and wage data gathered from a twice-yearly survey of Nebraska employers

- Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages - quarterly industry employment and average weekly wages for the state and all counties; data is compiled from unemployment insurance tax reports filed with the state, which account for approximately 98 percent of Nebraska’s employment

Safety

Director: Christopher Cantrell, 550 S. 16th St., P.O. Box 94600, Lincoln, NE 68509, phone (402) 471-4721, fax (402) 471-5039, email address — christopher.cantrell@nebraska.gov

The Safety division administers inspection programs for elevators, amusement rides and boilers. The office also administers the On-Site Safety and Health Consultation program, which encourages businesses to provide safe work environments through collaboration between department inspection staff and small business owners and managers.

Boiler Safety Code Advisory Board

Statutory Reference: 48-739

The Boiler Safety Code Advisory Board, created in 1988, holds hearings and advises the commissioner on rules and regulations for testing, constructing and installing equipment covered by the Boiler Inspection Act.

The board has seven governor-appointed members approved by the Legislature for four-year terms. Members represent owners and users of boilers; boiler sellers; craftsmen involved in boiler construction, repair or operation; the insurance industry; licensed professional engineers with boiler experience; public safety interests; and the public. The state boiler inspector is a nonvoting member. The board meets each July. Other meetings may be called by the chairperson or at the request of four other members. Members receive \$50 per day plus reimbursement for expenses.

Member	Position	Term Expires
Steven Bley, Omaha	Boiler Owners/Users	Jan. 1, 2019
Jason Girmus, Ithaca	Public	Jan. 1, 2021
Aaron Jazynka, Omaha	Boiler Seller	Jan. 1, 2021
Martin D. Kasl, Lincoln	Professional Engineer	Jan. 1, 2021
Robert Kirkpatrick, Lincoln	Construction/Repair Crafts	Jan. 1, 2019
Thomas Phipps, Omaha	Public Safety	Jan. 1, 2019
Gerald Whitlock, Papillion	Insurance Industry	Jan. 1, 2021
Christopher Cantrell, Lincoln	Chief Boiler Inspector	Ex Officio

Conveyance Advisory Committee (Elevators)

Statutory Reference: 48-2503

The Conveyance Advisory Committee, created in 2007, has seven governor-appointed members approved by the Legislature for three-year terms. Members represent elevator manufacturers, elevator servicing companies, building managers, elevator mechanics and the public. The state elevator inspector and the State Fire Marshal or his or her designee also are members.

The committee meets quarterly, at the call of the chairperson or at the request of two or more members. Members are reimbursed for expenses.

Member	Position	Term Expires
Bret Abels, Papillion	Elevator Servicing.....	March 30, 2020
Greg Anglim, LaVista.....	Elevator Mechanics	March 30, 2019
Mike Cimino, Fort Calhoun.....	Building Manager.....	March 30, 2021
Gordon Hardle, Lincoln	Public	March 30, 2021
Patrick Jones, Bellevue.....	Public	March 30, 2019
Matthew Murphy, Omaha.....	Major Elevator Manufacturer	March 30, 2019
Vacant	Public	March 30, 2020
Gerald Brown, Omaha	Chief Elevator Inspector.....	Ex Officio
Christopher Cantrell, Lincoln	State Fire Marshal	Ex Officio

Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice (Nebraska Crime Commission)

Office Address: 301 Centennial Mall South, Fifth Floor, P.O. Box 94946, Lincoln, NE 68509-4946, phone (402) 471-2194, website — www.ncc.ne.gov

Executive Director: Don Arp, Jr.

Statutory Reference: 81-1416

Publications: Annual report; annual crime statistics report; biannual law enforcement training schedule

The Governor's Crime Control Commission was created in 1967. The name was changed to the Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice with legislation enacted in 1969 to establish the Crime Commission as a state agency. The Crime Commission was established to develop comprehensive plans and coordinate activities related to the improvement of criminal justice administration among state and local agencies. Since its inception, more statutory responsibilities have been assigned to the commission, which now serves as an umbrella agency for many criminal and juvenile justice programs mandated by state and federal law.

The governing body of the Crime Commission has 19 members, most of whom are appointed by the governor for six-year terms. Statute requires the governor, attorney general, superintendent of the State Patrol, director of the Department of Correctional Services, chairperson of the Police Standards Advisory Council and chairperson of the Nebraska Coalition for Juvenile Justice to be commission members. The commission meets quarterly to review the activities of its committees, take final action in awarding state and federal grant funds, provide oversight of staff activities and conduct other

business as required. The commission’s five standing committees are the Education, Research and Planning Committee; the Grant Review Committee; the Crime Victim’s Reparations Committee (statutory reference: 81-1802); the Data Processing Committee and the Police Standards Advisory Council (statutory reference: 81-1406).

Member	Position	Term Expires
Candice Batton, Walton	Public at Large.....	Dec. 31, 2021
Brent Clark, Broken Bow.....	City Administrator.....	Dec. 31, 2023
Jeff Davis, Papillion.....	County Sheriff.....	Dec. 31, 2023
Weysan Dun, Omaha.....	Public at Large.....	Dec. 31, 2021
Shawn Eatherton, Kearney.....	County Attorney	Dec. 31, 2023
Deborah Gilg, Omaha.....	Public at Large.....	Dec. 31, 2023
Joe Hewgley, North Platte	County Commissioner	Dec. 31, 2021
Ray Norris, Omaha.....	Public at Large.....	Dec. 31, 2019
Steven Rathman, Plattsmouth.....	Police Chief	Dec. 31, 2023
Gerard “Fred” Ruiz, Omaha.....	Public at Large.....	Dec. 31, 2019
Michelle Schindler, Lincoln	Juvenile Delinquency Control.....	Dec. 31, 2023
Todd Schmaderer, Omaha.....	Police Chief	Dec. 31, 2023
Tracy Wolf, Lexington.....	Police Standards Advisory Council Chairman	Dec. 31, 2018
Cassy Blakley, Lincoln	Juvenile Justice Coalition	Nonexpiring
Col. John Bolduc, Lincoln	Superintendent, State Patrol.....	Nonexpiring
Scott R. Frakes, Lincoln	Director of Correctional Services.....	Nonexpiring
Douglas J. Peterson, Lincoln	Attorney General	Nonexpiring
Gov. Pete Ricketts, Lincoln/Omaha	Governor	Nonexpiring

Federal and State Aid

Contact Person: Lisa Stamm

The Crime Commission administers federal and state aid programs in the areas of anti-drug abuse, violent crime, victim assistance, juvenile justice, law enforcement and criminal justice information systems. The commission awards grant funds to eligible programs that address priority issues and foster improvement in Nebraska’s criminal and juvenile justice systems. Grant-funded projects are monitored and evaluated, with continuation funding based on each program’s success in achieving its goals and objectives. Aid programs administered by the commission include: federal Justice Assistance Grant funds, federal Residential Substance Abuse Treatment Program funds, federal Project Safe Neighborhoods funds, state Crime Stoppers funds, federal and state Victims of Crime Act funds, federal and state Crime Victim’s Reparation Act funds, federal Stop Violence Against Women Act funds, federal Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act funds, federal Juvenile Accountability funds, state Juvenile Services Act funds, state Community-Based Juvenile Services Aid funds, federal and state Criminal Justice Information Systems funds and federal discretionary funds.

Byrne/Justice Assistance Grant Funds

Since 1986, the Crime Commission has administered and coordinated federal Justice Assistance Grants (JAG) funds. Funds have been awarded to state and local programs addressing violent crime, prevention and education, prosecution and defense.

Other funded projects have included violent crime enforcement, offender treatment programs, strategic planning, prosecution, problem solving courts, substance abuse assessments for culturally specific groups, indigent defense and a statewide computerized law enforcement intelligence system.

Crime Victim Assistance

Contact Person: Kellie Rabenhorst

Since 1985, the Crime Commission has administered federal and state funds for crime victim assistance programs. These programs provide medical, emotional, financial and legal assistance as well as shelter, support and advocacy to crime victims during a time of crisis.

The Nebraska Crime Victim's Reparations Act, passed in 1979, provides compensation to eligible victims of crime for certain expenses directly related to the criminal act. Victims may be reimbursed up to \$25,000 for medical and \$5,000 for funeral expenses, loss of wages or earning power, counseling fees up to \$2,000 and residential crime scene cleanup up to \$1,000. The commission's executive director serves as a hearing officer for claims received for reimbursement, with the Crime Victim's Reparations Committee responsible for any appeals received regarding the hearing officer's decisions.

In 1995, the commission began administering the federal Stop Violence Against Women Act Formula Block Grant Program. Since the program's inception, grant funds have been awarded to enhance the criminal justice system's response in serving women who have been victims of violence.

In 1999, the commission established a statewide Victim Information and Notification Everyday (VINE) system. The VINE system is a computerized system that automatically notifies victims of crime whenever an offender is released or moved from a jail or prison or transferred to another detention or correctional facility.

Juvenile Justice

Contact Person: Chris Harris

The Crime Commission administers state grant funds to juvenile justice and delinquency prevention programs throughout Nebraska and coordinates the development of juvenile justice initiatives and projects. The Nebraska Legislature has found that the incarceration of juveniles in adult jails, lockups and correctional facilities is contrary to the best interests and well-being of juveniles and frequently is inconsistent with state and federal law requiring intervention by the least restrictive method. The Legislature further has found that the lack of available alternatives at the local level is a significant factor in the incarceration of juveniles in such facilities.

The Nebraska Juvenile Services Act appropriates general funds to assist local communities with programs that provide alternatives to adult incarceration. The Nebraska Coalition for Juvenile Justice awards funds, sets policy and recommends actions that will improve Nebraska's juvenile justice system.

Nebraska Law Enforcement Training Center

Contact Person: Brenda Urbanek, Director, Nebraska Law Enforcement Training Center, 3600 N. Academy Road, Grand Island, NE 68801-9403, phone (308) 385-6030

Statutory Reference: 81-1402

The Crime Commission has been responsible for the administration and supervision of the Nebraska Law Enforcement Training Center in Grand Island since 1971. In 1994, legislation gave the Police Standards Advisory Council responsibility for training curricula development, establishing required course hours and issuing training certificates. In 2011, legislation gave the executive director of the Crime Commission supervision of the director of training. The center provides mandatory basic and specialized training for law enforcement and detention officers statewide, including continuing education and specialized training programs. Specialized training topics include law enforcement, drug enforcement, highway safety, emergency vehicle operation, firearms, violent crime and homicide investigations and Spanish for law enforcement. Training programs are conducted at the center and throughout the state, with selected courses via the internet. Several institutions of higher learning, such as the University of Nebraska at Kearney, Peru State College, Bellevue University, Southeast Community College, Metro Community College and Northeast Community College, grant college credit for training center coursework.

Office of Violence Prevention

Contact Person: Chris Harris

Statutory Reference: 81-1447

The 2009 Legislature created the Office of Violence Prevention, which is housed within the Crime Commission. The office's primary responsibility is to help promote, assess and fund statewide violence prevention programs.

The office aids privately funded organizations, local government subdivisions and other advocacy groups in developing proven prevention, intervention, diversion and enforcement programs. In 2017, through a competitive grants process, the office awarded \$350,000 to seven separate organizations with a history of success in reducing violent crime. Grant recipients are required to develop goals, objectives and performance indicators and submit quarterly activity reports to the Office of Violence Prevention. Grantees also are required to provide an evaluation report. A portion of the grant funds must be used for a professional evaluator.

A six-member advisory council, appointed by the governor, meets quarterly. The council is required to recommend to the Crime Commission regulations regarding program fundraising, evaluation and coordination and criteria used to assess and award funds to violence prevention programs.

Crime Statistics, Research and Data Collection

In 1971, the Crime Commission became responsible for collecting Uniform Crime Reports (UCR) for the Federal Bureau of Investigation. All law enforcement agencies in the state are required by law to submit Uniform Crime Reports detailing the number of crimes reported or known to them and the number of arrests and citations issued

on a monthly basis. Crime statistics are compiled by the commission's UCR program and forwarded to the FBI for inclusion in national crime statistics and use by federal, state and local agencies and policy makers. The UCR program publishes preliminary and annual statistical reports. Participating law enforcement agencies receive monthly reports, including a summary of reported data, a trends report for monthly comparisons to the previous year and year-to-date statistics. The UCR program also maintains a central data repository for crimes motivated by hate on the part of the offender as well as domestic assault statistics.

The FBI has announced a change in the requirements for how data will be collected from agencies and reported to the bureau. By 2021, all law enforcement agencies will move to the National Incident Based Reporting System (NIBRS), a detailed collection of data on a wider range of crimes. This change will require electronic reporting and will significantly impact both law enforcement agencies and the Crime Commission.

In addition to the UCR program, the commission's Statistical Analysis Center maintains several statewide databases, including the Jail and Juvenile Detention Admission and Release Database, Juvenile Court Database, and Drug and Violent Crime Database, with statistical information compiled and published on a regular basis. The commission collects traffic stop data, including the race or ethnicity of the person stopped and the nature of the violation, and issues an annual report. Ongoing research is conducted and published. Statistical information and research is available to assist in criminal and juvenile justice initiatives and planning efforts at the local, state and federal levels. This information and research also is available online.

Since 2000, the commission has hosted the Nebraska Criminal Justice Information Systems (NCJIS). NCJIS is a statewide integrated data system with more than 8,000 users who conduct more than 7 million data searches each year. The NCJIS Advisory Committee builds ways for agencies to efficiently and effectively share criminal justice data. The primary purposes of NCJIS are to promote the sharing of data among agencies, to implement programs and systems that assist state and local agencies in the performance of their jobs and to provide a forum to discuss issues.

Community Corrections Division

Contact Person: Laurie Holman

Statutory Reference: 47-622

The primary mandate of the Community Corrections Division is to support the continued development and implementation of a statewide network of community corrections programs as a means to reduce prison overcrowding. This mandate is part of a collaborative effort involving both criminal justice agencies and community stakeholders. The role of the division in this effort is to evaluate and recommend improvements to existing community corrections programs, improve the data collection and analysis capabilities of community corrections programs and provide objective research and information on community corrections issues to policy-makers, stakeholders and the public.

Community-Based Juvenile Services Aid

Contact Persons: Cindy Kennedy, Amy Hoffman

Statutory Reference: 43-2401 to 43-2413

The purpose of the Community-Based Juvenile Services Aid program is to aid in the establishment and provision of community-based services for juveniles who come in contact with the juvenile justice system in accordance with the Juvenile Services Act. The purpose of the Juvenile Services Act is to assist in the provision of appropriate preventive, diversionary and dispositional alternatives for juveniles; to encourage coordination of the elements of the juvenile services system; and to provide an opportunity for local involvement in developing community programs for juveniles so that the following objectives may be obtained:

- preservation of the family unit whenever the best interests of the juvenile are served and such preservation does not place the juvenile at imminent risk
- limitation of intervention to those actions that are necessary and utilize the least restrictive yet most effective and appropriate resources
- encouragement of active family participation in whatever treatment is afforded a juvenile whenever the best interests of the juvenile require it
- treatment in the community rather than commitment to a youth rehabilitation and treatment center whenever the best interests of the juvenile require it
- assistance in the development of alternatives to secure temporary custody for juveniles who do not require secure detention

Nebraska Jail Standards Board

Contact Person: Denny Macomber

Statutory Reference: 83-4,124

The Nebraska Jail Standards Board, created in 1978 and placed with the Crime Commission in 1981, is responsible for developing, implementing and enforcing minimum standards for the state’s adult jails and temporary holding facilities. With the enactment of the Juvenile Detention Facility Standards in 1993, the board’s scope was expanded to include juvenile detention facilities.

The Jail Standards Board is composed of 12 members, nine of whom are appointed by the governor for three-year terms. The state fire marshal and director of the Department of Correctional Services serve on the board by statute. Appointed board members include two county commissioners or supervisors, a county sheriff, a police chief, a juvenile detention facility administrator, an administrator of a large jail, a member of the Nebraska Bar Association and two laypersons. The board, which meets on a quarterly basis, operates as an independent governing board with staff and administrative support provided by the Crime Commission’s Jail Standards Division.

Member	Position	Term Expires
Brad Alexander, Plattsmouth	Staff Secured Juvenile	
	Facility Administrator.....	July 7, 2019
Daria Anderson-Faden, Lincoln.....	Layperson.....	July 7, 2019
Mark Benne, Columbus	Juvenile Detention Facility Administrator	July 7, 2020
Keith Harvat, Omaha.....	Nebraska Bar Association	July 7, 2019
Bradley Johnson, Martell.....	Large Jail Administrator.....	July 7, 2021
Susan Johnson, Geneva.....	County Administrator	July 7, 2019
Sherry Morrow, Kearney.....	County Commissioner	July 7, 2021

Jim Peschong, Lincoln.....	Police Chief	July 7, 2018
Connie Pfeifer, La Vista	Layperson.....	July 7, 2021
Kevin Stukenholtz, Wahoo.....	County Sheriff	July 7, 2021
Christopher Cantrell, Lincoln	State Fire Marshal	Nonexpiring
Scott R. Frakes, Lincoln	Director of Correctional Services.....	Nonexpiring

Advisory Groups

Nebraska County Attorney Standards Advisory Council

Statutory Reference: 23-1213

The eleven-member County Attorney Standards Advisory Council has statutory responsibility for advising the Crime Commission on developing a continuing legal education curriculum required for all Nebraska county attorneys and their deputies as well as establishing the required number of annual training hours. The 2009 Legislature mandated a training requirement for all persons who are elected or appointed as a coroner or deputy coroner. The advisory council oversees this training requirement. Council members are appointed by the governor for four-year terms and include six county attorneys or deputy county attorneys, one professor of law, two county commissioners or supervisors, one county sheriff or chief of police and one certified forensic pathologist.

Nebraska Coalition for Juvenile Justice

Statutory Reference: 43-2411

The Nebraska Coalition for Juvenile Justice is made up of 19 individuals appointed by the governor to identify juvenile justice issues, monitor and evaluate programs in the juvenile justice system and recommend guidelines and supervision procedures to develop or expand local diversion programs for juveniles. The coalition meets at least two times per year. Among other responsibilities required by state law, the coalition prepares an annual report on their activities that is submitted to the governor, the Legislature, the Office of Probation Administration and the Office of Juvenile Services.

Task Force on Human Trafficking

Statutory Reference: 81-1430

The Task Force on Human Trafficking was established with the passage of LB1145 in 2012. The task force investigates and studies human trafficking, methods of advertising human trafficking service and the victimization of individuals coerced to participate in human trafficking. The task force will work with the Nebraska Department of Labor to develop or select informational posters for placement around the state to assist trafficking victims. The task force also has approved a curriculum for criminal justice agencies for mandatory training regarding issues in human trafficking.

Members include representatives of the attorney general's office, law enforcement, political subdivisions, advocacy groups and the general public. Members are appointed by the governor and serve six-year terms. Members are reimbursed for their expenses.

Nebraska Police Standards Advisory Council

Statutory Reference: 81-1406

The seven-member Police Standards Advisory Council acts for the Crime Commission in matters relating to law enforcement training and the training center with the exception of budgetary and personnel matters. The council establishes and enforces minimum qualification and training standards for law enforcement officers as well as assesses current and future law enforcement needs related to standards and training. The council also is responsible for establishing training center admission criteria and the training curriculum for law enforcement certification in Nebraska. The council serves as an appeals board for actions related to the enforcement of standards, admission to the training center and actions taken by the center's director. The council also is the hearing body for certification of law enforcement officers. Council members are appointed by the governor for four-year terms and include two county sheriffs, two police chiefs, a Lincoln or Omaha police department representative, a State Patrol representative and a member of the public, with representatives from the Crime Commission and the Omaha FBI office serving as ex officio members.

Racial Profiling Advisory Committee

Statutory Reference: 20-506

In 2004, the Racial Profiling Advisory Committee was created to advise the executive director of the Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice on the prevalence of motor vehicle stops involving racial profiling. The commission is required to annually submit to the governor and the Legislature a review of the prevalence and disposition of motor vehicle stops based on racial profiling and allegations reported. The committee developed a reporting form for motor vehicle stops and a form for receiving allegations of racial profiling.

The committee consists of the executive director of the Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice and a representative from each of the following organizations: Fraternal Order of Police, Nebraska County Sheriffs Association, Police Officers Association of Nebraska, American Civil Liberties Union of Nebraska, Nebraska State Patrol, AFL-CIO, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, Commission on Indian Affairs, Latino-American Commission, Nebraska State Bar Association and the Police Chiefs Association of Nebraska. The committee meets semiannually.

Criminal Justice Information Systems Advisory Committee

The Crime Commission established the Criminal Justice Information Systems Advisory Committee in 1995 to provide advice and direction on issues relating to data sharing and use of information technology among criminal justice agencies. The committee advises the commission on criminal justice information system issues, establishes and promotes standards for data processing and communication, facilitates the development and coordination of state and local criminal justice information systems, provides an avenue for cooperation and coordination among state and local information systems and establishes future directions for data sharing. Committee members are appointed by the commission's executive director and include representatives from a variety of state and local criminal justice agencies and professional associations.

Military Department

Office Address: 2433 N.W. 24th St., Lincoln, NE 68524-1801, phone (402) 309-8210, toll-free phone for Army National Guard recruiting information (800) GOGUARD (464-8273) or Air National Guard recruiting information (800) 688-2196, website — state.nationalguard.com/nebraska

Adjutant General: Maj. Gen. Daryl L. Bohac

Statutory Reference: 55-120

Authorized Troop Strength: Army National Guard, 3,593; Air National Guard, 976

Publications: *Prairie Soldier* online newspaper and directives applicable to the department

The Military Department functions as a state department for military and non-military operations.

The Army National Guard, the Air National Guard and the State Guard, when organized (statutory reference: 55-201), make up the state's military forces. They conduct military operations and missions to support civil authority when authorized by the governor, who is commander in chief. The Nebraska Emergency Management Agency, a component of the Military Department, coordinates civil resources to support civil authority in an emergency.

On Feb. 15, 1864, the Legislature established the adjutant general's office for the Nebraska Territory. The territorial militia was organized under an act approved in 1865. However, the initial organization of two regiments took place in 1854.

The militia was first organized in reaction to the Great Sioux and Cheyenne Indian War on the territorial border. The nature of the early militia changed to meet the state's needs from 1854 until the end of the Indian Wars in 1890. By 1881, the office of adjutant general again was established as a separate entity after being part of the secretary of state's office for 10 years. The office has continued in this capacity since that time. Legislation passed in 1974 formally changed the office's name to the Military Department.

The adjutant general, besides commanding the state military forces, is state emergency management director, emergency resource management coordinator, emergency preparedness director and state disaster coordinator.

The governor, as state military force commander in chief, appoints the adjutant general from commissioned officers of the Nebraska National Guard. The adjutant general serves until resignation, reaching the mandatory retirement age of 64 or being relieved. The adjutant general controls Military Department forces and executes the governor's orders.

The adjutant general represents the state at national, regional and area military and nonmilitary defense conferences. The adjutant general develops all civil and military defense, state emergency preparedness and disaster recovery plans for the state. He coordinates with appropriate regional and national agencies and other states to formulate Army, Air Force, civil defense and emergency plans for the state.

*Nebraska National Guard¹***Statutory Reference:** 55-105

The Nebraska National Guard is made up of the Army National Guard and the Air National Guard. The Army National Guard comprises three Major Subordinate Commands (MSCs) with an authorized strength of 3,593. The MSCs are the 67th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade, 92nd Troop Command and the 209th Regional Training Institute. Units are located in 23 Nebraska communities. The Air National Guard consists of one major command, the 155th Air Refueling Wing located in Lincoln, along with the 170th Group located at Offutt Air Force Base and the Air Element of the Joint Forces Headquarters with a total authorized strength of 976 members.

Service members can be called to state active duty to execute missions within the state when authorized by the governor. The state mission of the Nebraska National Guard is to provide trained and equipped organizations to protect life and property and to preserve peace, order and public safety.

Service members are called to federal service for national defense missions, either in the United States or abroad, when authorized by the president. The federal mission of the Nebraska National Guard is to provide the armed forces with trained and equipped units ready for a national emergency or war, in accordance with U.S. Department of Defense plans.

Most fiscal support for the Nebraska National Guard comes from federal sources. The budget for pay and allowances for Active Guard Reserves, federal technicians and part-time Guard members exceeds \$66.3 million annually. Other expenses paid by the U.S. government, such as fuel, travel, repairs and construction, supplies and equipment, amount to more than \$32.7 million each year. The present equipment and real property for both the Army and Air National Guard is valued at more than \$781.7 million.

Nebraska Emergency Management Agency

Office Address: 2433 N.W. 24th St., Lincoln, NE 68524-1801, phone (402) 471-7421, 24-hour emergency response phone (877) 297-2368

Assistant Director: Bryan Tuma

Statutory Reference: 81-829.31

The adjutant general is the state emergency management director. The assistant director conducts the agency's day-to-day operations. The Nebraska Emergency Management Agency has a full-time civilian staff that can respond at any time through an established duty-officer system.

If a disaster occurs, local government responds using local resources. When these resources are deemed inadequate and state resources are required to assist with the response, local officials will contact NEMA. NEMA assesses the disaster and makes a recommendation to the governor on whether a state declaration is needed. If the governor declares a state emergency, state resources can be used within certain restrictions to provide assistance.

NEMA also supports other state agencies and local governments with training

¹For more information about the Nebraska National Guard, see Pages 131-133.

and education programs, public information, disaster recovery assistance and disaster planning. NEMA writes plans at the state level, including the State Emergency Operations Plan and the Nebraska Radiological Emergency Response Plans for the state's two nuclear power plants. The agency coordinates state and federal emergency planning and disaster recovery and homeland security activities in support of the state's homeland security director.

NEMA occupies the state's Emergency Operations Center at the Joint Force Headquarters (JFHQ) on the Nebraska National Guard base in Lincoln. The EOC provides a secure location from where Nebraska government can operate during emergencies.

State Emergency Response Commission

Contact Person: James Rashilla, Nebraska Emergency Management Agency, 2433 N.W. 24th St., Lincoln, NE 68524-1801, phone (402) 471-7176

Statutory Reference: 81-15,210

The State Emergency Response Commission appoints, supervises and coordinates the activities of the Local Emergency Planning Committees under the Nebraska Emergency Planning and Community Right to Know Act for hazardous materials.

Commission members include the director of Environmental Quality, the director of Health and Human Services Regulation and Licensure, the director of the Department of Roads, the superintendent of the Nebraska State Patrol, the State Fire Marshal and the director of the Nebraska Emergency Management Agency, or their designees. The commission also includes two elected officials or employees of municipal or county government and one citizen representing each of the following groups: firefighters, local emergency management, public or community health, environmental protection, labor, school districts, small business, agricultural business, the chemical industry, highway transportation and rail transportation. The governor appoints the municipal or county government members and the citizen members with the approval of the Legislature. The appointments must represent Nebraska's three congressional districts as equally as possible. Members are appointed for four-year terms and are reimbursed for expenses. The commission meets on a quarterly basis.

Member	Represents	Term Expires
Sherry Blaha, Gering	County Government (NACO)	Sept. 13, 2021
Steven F. Danon, Omaha	Small Business	Sept. 13, 2020
Keith Deiml, Papillion	School/Education	Sept. 13, 2019
Matthew DiVito, Lincoln	Highway Transportation	Sept. 13, 2021
Rick Grauerholz, Ashland	City Government	Sept. 13, 2018
John Grimes, Norfolk	Chemical Industry	Sept. 13, 2021
Tim Hofbauer, Columbus	Local Emergency Management	Sept. 13, 2018
Polly Jordening, Grand Island	Labor	Sept. 13, 2019
Sharon Medcalf, Omaha	Public/Community Health	Sept. 13, 2018
Dana Miller, Scottsbluff	Firefighters	Sept. 13, 2018
Joe Oswald, Adams	Agribusiness	Sept. 13, 2021
Kimberly Plouzek, Crete	Environmental Protection	Sept. 13, 2019
Benjamin Salo, Omaha	Rail Transportation	Sept. 13, 2017
Christopher Cantrell, Lincoln	State Fire Marshal	Ex Officio
Jim DeFreece, Lincoln	Nebraska State Patrol	Ex Officio
Sue Dempsey, Lincoln	Department of Health and Human Services	Ex Officio

Jim Macy, Lincoln	Department of Environmental Quality.....	Ex Officio
James Rashilla, Lincoln.....	NEMA.....	Ex Officio
Tom Sands, Lincoln	Department of Transportation.....	Ex Officio
Bryan Tuma, Lincoln.....	NEMA.....	Ex Officio

Department of Motor Vehicles

Office Address: 301 Centennial Mall South, Mall Level, P.O. Box 94789, Lincoln, NE 68509-4789, phone (402) 471-3900, fax (402) 471-3920, website — www.dmv.nebraska.gov

Director: Rhonda K. Lahm

Statutory Reference: 81-101

Publications: Book containing Nebraska motor vehicle laws; driver's license manual; commercial driver's license manual; instruction manuals for treasurers; motorcycle operator's manual; annual report; strategic plan

The Nebraska Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) is responsible for the regulation, enforcement and education of motor vehicle operators and vehicle requirements. The DMV ensures licensed Nebraska drivers meet the eligibility requirements for operating a motor vehicle and that vehicles are properly titled and registered. The department collects and distributes revenues that support DMV services and other government entities. In order to fulfill these responsibilities, the DMV examines and licenses drivers; administers the driver's license point system, financial responsibility and administrative license revocation laws; issues certificates of title; and registers motor vehicles, including motor carrier proration, fuel tax and reciprocity.

County treasurers act as agents for the department and issue motor vehicle titles and registrations, and collect the fee for driver's licenses.

The department performs functions previously administered by the Division of Motor Vehicles, except those related to the Motor Vehicle Dealer Licensing Act. Under previous law, administration of this act was given to the head of the Department of Roads and Irrigation, acting with a supervisory board. In 1957, a new Motor Vehicle Industry Licensing Board was created, with the director of the Department of Motor Vehicles as its chairperson.

The first motor vehicle laws were enacted in 1905 when vehicles were defined and required to be registered with the secretary of state. Motor vehicle supervision was transferred in 1919 to the Bureau of Roads and Bridges, then to a section of the Department of Public Works. In 1921, responsibility was given to the Department of Public Works, and in 1933, responsibility was transferred to the new Department of Roads and Irrigations. In 1957, the Legislature created a separate Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV).

Today, the DMV director's office oversees operations of the six divisions below, which include approximately 218 employees and had an annual budget of \$42.7 million in fiscal year 2017-18. Administration includes the deputy director, budget and human resources officers, project coordinator and support staff.

Driver and Vehicle Records Division

Contact Person: Betty Johnson, Administrator, 301 Centennial Mall South, P.O. Box 94789, Lincoln, NE 68509-4789, phone (402) 471-3918, fax (402) 471-8694

Motor vehicles were first registered in June 1905. Individuals made their own plates, and registrations were recorded by the state. In 1915, the state began issuing license plates. In 1922, the state established the practice of using prefix numbers to identify the counties in which vehicles were registered. Each county was assigned a number based on the number of registered vehicles in the county at that time. The county with the most vehicles, Douglas, was assigned the number 1; the county with the second highest number of vehicles, Lancaster, was number 2; and so forth. Beginning with the 2002 license plate issue, Douglas, Lancaster and Sarpy counties began issuing a three-letter, three-number plate.

The 1955 Legislature provided for the slogan “The Beef State” on license plates. From 1966 to 1968, the word “Centennial” replaced “The Beef State.” This was later replaced by “Cornhusker State.”

The 1974 Legislature provided that plates issued during 1972 were valid through 1975. In 1976, specially designed license plates with the inscription “1776 BICENTENNIAL 1976” were issued. At the upper left and right corners were drawings of a covered wagon and an Indian chief in full headdress.

Current law requires a new license plate to be issued every six years. The plates are distinctive for each new issuance. Annual renewal tab stickers are affixed to plates during the six years. This division (DVR) is responsible for budget, inventory control and issuance of 80 types of license plates throughout all 93 counties. DVR also is responsible for managing the message and specialty plate programs.

Graphic-designed license plates were first issued in 1988. The plates have no slogans and instead use graphic art designs contained in the reflective sheeting. These plates are issued for general-use passenger vehicles.

Digitally printed flat license plates were introduced with the 2005 plate reissuance.

In addition to license plates and registrations, DVR is responsible for the administration of the statewide Vehicle Titling and Registration System (VTR). VTR is used by all 93 counties for the titling and registration of Nebraska’s approximately 2.5 million motor vehicles. VTR is the system through which all motor vehicle taxes, motor vehicle fees, motor vehicle registration fees, sales tax, wheel tax and other assorted fees are collected — totaling more than \$710 million. The division reviews applications and issues approximately 195,000 handicapped parking permits and maintains the Motor Vehicle Insurance Database.

DVR also is responsible for the database maintaining the records of 1.4 million licensed drivers and State ID card holders and the Digital Driver License System. The DVR Help Desk provides technology and business support for county officials and the general public. DVR also houses a Fraud Unit, which was created in 2005, that investigates identity theft, driver license fraud, and title and odometer fraud. The unit also manages the facial recognition process incorporated into the driver license issuance workflow as a security measure in 2009.

Driver Licensing Services

Contact Person: Sara O'Rourke, Administrator, Driver Licensing Services, 301 Centennial Mall South, Mall Level, P.O. Box 94726, Lincoln, NE 68509-4726, phone (402) 471-3861, fax (402) 471-4020

Driver Licensing Services ensures that individuals meet Nebraska's licensing standards and requirements for issuance of driver permits, licenses and State ID cards. The division utilizes numerous systems to effectively administer its programs, including: the Interactive Driver License System, Digital Driver License System, Central Card Production and Issuance System, Automated Testing System, Problem Driver Pointer System, State to State/Commercial Driver's License Information System, Social Security Online Verification, Systematic Alien Verification Entitlements Program and the Commercial Driver License (CDL) Third Party Tester Database.

The division certifies driver training schools, driver safety schools and CDL third party testers and examiners. Driver training schools and CDL third party testers are audited annually. There are 96 exam offices and 138 employees located throughout the state who assist individuals to obtain nine different types of permits and six types of licenses and State ID cards. Twelve offices are open five days a week. In 2017, more than 660,000 applicants were assisted in driver licensing offices statewide. In addition, 63,592 applicants used online DMV services.

Motor Carrier Services Division

Contact Person: Cathy Beedle, Administrator, Division of Motor Carrier Services, 301 Centennial Mall South, Mall Level, P.O. Box 94729, Lincoln, NE 68509-4729, phone (402) 471-4435, fax (402) 471-4024

Statutory Reference: 75-385

The 1996 Legislature established the Division of Motor Carrier Services within the department. The division:

- promotes the motor carrier industry of the state of Nebraska
- promotes the public health and welfare of Nebraska citizens by ensuring that the motor carrier industry operates in an efficient and safe manner
- provides for efficient and uniform governmental oversight of the motor carrier industry
- promotes financial responsibility on the part of motor carriers operating in and through Nebraska
- administers provisions of the International Registration Plan (IRP). In 2017, the division collected more than \$78 million in IRP fees, retaining almost \$33 million in Nebraska and distributing the \$46 million balance to other IRP jurisdictions.
- administers the International Fuel Tax Agreement Act. In 2017, the division collected more than \$7 million in fuel tax revenues, retaining \$1.5 million in Nebraska and distributing \$5.5 million to other IFTA jurisdictions.
- administers the Unified Carrier Registration System
- issues certificates of title to apportioned registered motor vehicles
- conducts mileage and fuel audits of motor carriers

Financial Responsibility Division

Contact Person: Kathy VanBrocklin, Division Manager, 301 Centennial Mall South, P.O. Box 94877, Lincoln, NE 68509-4877, phone (402) 471-3985, fax (402) 471-8288

Statutory Reference: 60-501

The Financial Responsibility Division carries out the provisions of the Financial Responsibility Act. They suspend and revoke operator's licenses for:

- no proof of liability insurance
- court orders
- accumulation of violation points
- failure to comply with payment of fine
- unsatisfied judgment
- insurance cancellation
- violation of child support order

The division processes driver's license reinstatement applications for suspensions or revocations and reviews and approves applications for ignition interlock and employment drive permits. The division also is the point of contact for issuance of medical hardship permits and aids in the collection of traffic fines and child support order payments.

Legal Division

Contact Person: Kenneth Lackey, Administrator, 301 Centennial Mall South, P.O. Box 94699, Lincoln, NE 68509-4699, phone (402) 471-9595, fax (402) 471-4828

Statutory Reference: 60-1503, 60-498.01

The Legal Division handles the department's rules and regulations promulgation, administrative hearings, contracts, legislation, certification of interlock providers, STOP programs and cases under the State Claims Board. The division also administers the administrative license revocation (ALR) provisions for persons arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol. In 2017, the ALR program affirmed the administrative license revocation of 5,925 drunk drivers.

Information Systems Division

Contact Person: Keith Dey, Information Systems Manager, 301 Centennial Mall South, P.O. Box 94789, Lincoln, NE 68509-4789, phone (402) 471-3906, fax (402) 471-4020

Statutory Reference: 60-1503

The division is responsible for the development, implementation, maintenance and support of all DMV related business applications. The division provides the technological tools, expertise and support needed to develop more efficient methods to serve Nebraskans. The focus of the DMV is to provide customers with easy access to both services and data hosted by the department. DMV online services are provided through www.nebraska.gov

County Numbers for Nebraska License Plates*

Number	County	Number	County	Number	County
3	Gage	34	Fillmore	66	Cherry
4	Custer	35	Dixon	67	Hitchcock
5	Dodge	36	Holt	68	Keith
6	Saunders	37	Phelps	69	Dawes
7	Madison	38	Furnas	70	Dakota
8	Hall	39	Cheyenne	71	Kimball
9	Buffalo	40	Pierce	72	Chase
10	Platte	41	Polk	73	Gosper
11	Otoe	42	Nuckolls	74	Perkins
12	Knox	43	Colfax	75	Brown
13	Cedar	44	Nemaha	76	Dundy
14	Adams	45	Webster	77	Garden
15	Lincoln	46	Merrick	78	Deuel
16	Seward	47	Valley	79	Hayes
17	York	48	Red Willow	80	Sioux
18	Dawson	49	Howard	81	Rock
19	Richardson	50	Franklin	82	Keya Paha
20	Cass	51	Harlan	83	Garfield
21	Scotts Bluff	52	Kearney	84	Wheeler
22	Saline	53	Stanton	85	Banner
23	Boone	54	Pawnee	86	Blaine
24	Cuming	55	Thurston	87	Logan
25	Butler	56	Sherman	88	Loup
26	Antelope	57	Johnson	89	Thomas
27	Wayne	58	Nance	90	McPherson
28	Hamilton	60	Frontier	91	Arthur
29	Washington	61	Sheridan	92	Grant
30	Clay	62	Greeley	93	Hooker
31	Burt	63	Boyd	A/N	Douglas ¹
32	Thayer	64	Morrill	A/N	Lancaster ¹
33	Jefferson	65	Box Butte	A/N	Sarpy ¹

*Source: Nebraska Department of Motor Vehicles.

¹ Beginning in 2002, Douglas, Sarpy and Lancaster counties began using alphanumeric plates with three letters and three numbers instead of county-number plates.

Department of Natural Resources

Office Address: 301 Centennial Mall South, Fourth Floor, P.O. Box 94676, Lincoln, NE 68509-4676, phone (402) 471-2366, fax (402) 471-2900, website — www.dnr.nebraska.gov

Director: Gordon W. “Jeff” Fassett

Statutory Reference: 61-201

Publications: newsletter; periodic special reports; daily river and canal bulletins (May-September); biennial report for the Nebraska Resources Development Fund; Annual Evaluation of Availability of Hydrologically Connected Water Supplies and numerous other reports and brochures.

The Department of Natural Resources was created on July 1, 2000, by a merger of the Department of Water Resources and the Natural Resources Commission (LB900).

The 1895 Legislature created the state Board of Irrigation and gave it jurisdiction over water rights for irrigation, power and other purposes. In 1911, the name was changed to the state Board of Irrigation, Highways and Drainage. The board’s director, the state engineer, was given responsibility in other fields. In 1919, the name was changed to the Department of Public Works. In 1933, it became known as the Department of Roads and Irrigation, with jurisdiction over highways, vehicle registration and law enforcement, in addition to water rights issues.

The 1957 Legislature created the Department of Water Resources and gave it the powers and duties formerly exercised by the Bureau of Irrigation, Water Power and Drainage, and the Department of Roads and Irrigation. The department carried out the work started by the state Board of Irrigation.

The Natural Resources Commission was originally established in 1937 as the State Soil Conservation Committee. The committee was later known as the Soil and Water Conservation Commission and then was renamed the Nebraska Natural Resources Commission in 1972.

The Department of Natural Resources carries out the functions and programs of the merged agencies. It regulates the use and storage of surface water from Nebraska’s streams, lakes and reservoirs and authorizes the transfer of groundwater by industrial and municipal groundwater users. The department also measures and records state streamflows. The department maintains the state water wells registration system and approves requests to waive state water well spacing requirements. The department issues permits to allow the development of geothermal groundwater use and to allow groundwater transfers to another state.

The department’s floodplain management duties include administering Nebraska’s Flood Plain Regulation Act and providing state coordination of the National Flood Insurance Program. Local governments with zoning jurisdiction have one year after receiving acceptable floodway boundaries to adopt zoning ordinances restricting development and land use within those floodway lines. The department helps local subdivisions meet requirements prescribed by the Federal Emergency Management Agency, which administers the flood insurance program. The department is responsible for reviewing and approving plans and specifications for dams to ensure that the dams will be safe and regularly inspects dams for safety violations.

The Nebraska Ground Water Management and Protection Act requires the department to review the state's water supplies annually and decide if any basins are fully appropriated and, therefore, subject to the integrated management planning process. In areas of the state that have been declared fully appropriated or overappropriated, the department works with natural resources districts to create integrated management plans that will sustain water uses and supplies.²

The department and the natural resources districts may limit water use through a variety of methods including assigning allocations to water use, prohibiting new wells and new surface water appropriations, rotating well use, tougher well-spacing standards, better management practices and educational programs.

The department director is the Nebraska member of several interstate bodies that administer stream and border compacts.³ The department is responsible for coordinating the state's efforts to comply with interstate stream compacts.

Natural Resources Commission

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Statutory Reference: 2-1504

The Natural Resources Commission (NRC) carries out certain specific responsibilities in connection with natural resources districts including providing special funds for district projects. The commission created the original NRD boundaries in 1971 and is responsible for approving boundary alterations. The commission additionally has statutory responsibilities for the ranking and distribution of available funding from the Water Sustainability Fund (WSF), not in connection with the NRDs.

The WSF is a source of financial support to help the state achieve goals set out in statute and rules adopted by the NRC. The NRC oversees fund operations, including selecting successful applications, and the state Department of Natural Resources (DNR) oversees administration. Of the funding appropriated annually by the Legislature, 10 percent is designated to projects addressing combined storm and sewer water overflow and 10 percent to projects requesting \$250,000 or less.

WSF applications are filed electronically between July 16 and 31 each year. Applications are reviewed by DNR staff, and those found by the director to be "sufficient" are forwarded to the NRC for scoring. Scores assigned by the NRC determine which applications are funded from available funds.

Through passage of LB1098, the 2014 Legislature increased the commission's size from 16 members to 27. Thirteen commission members represent the river basins and are elected to four-year terms at individual caucuses of elected members of the natural resources districts. The 14 other members are appointed to four-year terms by the governor and represent: agribusiness interests, agricultural interests, groundwater irrigators, irrigation districts, manufacturing interests, metropolitan utilities districts, municipal water users from a primary class city, municipal water users from a first or

² For more information on Natural Resources Districts, see Page 863.

³ For more details on these interstate compacts, see Page 726.

second class city or village, outdoor recreation users, public power districts, public power and irrigation districts, range livestock owners, surface water irrigators and wildlife conservation interests.

Member	Representing	Term Expires
Karen S. Amen, Lincoln.....	Lower Platte River Basin.....	Jan. 22, 2019
Garry A. Anderson, Dixon.....	Elkhorn River Basin.....	Jan. 21, 2021
Brian Barels, Columbus.....	Public Power Districts.....	May 31, 2020
Donald Batie, Lexington.....	Agricultural Interests.....	May 31, 2022
Stan Clouse, Kearney.....	Municipal Water Users.....	May 31, 2020
Mark Czaplewski, Grand Island.....	Wildlife Conservation Interests.....	May 31, 2022
Dave Deines, Gering.....	North Platte River Basin.....	Jan. 21, 2021
Brad Dunbar, Omaha.....	Manufacturing Interests.....	May 31, 2020
Kevin Fornoff, Hayes Center.....	Republican River Basin.....	Jan. 21, 2021
N. Richard Hadenfeldt, Dannebrog.....	Loup River Basin.....	Jan. 22, 2019
Bill Halligan, Bushnell.....	South Platte River Basin.....	Jan. 21, 2021
John Heaston, Lincoln.....	Agribusiness Interests.....	May 31, 2022
Thomas L. Knutson, St. Paul.....	Surface Water Irrigators.....	May 31, 2020
Don Kraus, Holdrege.....	Public Power and Irrigation Districts.....	May 31, 2022
Darrell M. Rains, Beatrice.....	Big Blue River Basin.....	Jan. 22, 2019
Michael (Mick) Reynolds, Wood River.....	Middle Platte River Basin.....	Jan. 21, 2021
Lyle Schroer, Lawrence.....	Little Blue River Basin.....	Jan. 21, 2021
James Shields, Omaha.....	Metropolitan Utilities Districts.....	May 31, 2020
Scott Smathers, Lincoln.....	Outdoor Recreation Users.....	May 31, 2020
Lindsey Smith, Broken Bow.....	Range Livestock Owners.....	May 31, 2022
Jeff Steffen, Crofton.....	Missouri Tributaries River Basin.....	Jan. 22, 2019
Walter Dennis Strauch, Mitchell.....	Irrigation Districts.....	May 31, 2022
Steve Sugden, Adams.....	Nemaha River Basin.....	Jan. 22, 2019
Loren Taylor, Broken Bow.....	Groundwater Irrigators.....	May 31, 2022
Jim Thompson, Omaha.....	Missouri Tributaries River Basin.....	Jan. 22, 2019
Greg Wilke, Ainsworth.....	Niobrara-White-Hat River Basins.....	Jan. 21, 2021
Chad Wright, Lincoln.....	Municipal Water Users.....	May 31, 2020

Nebraska State Patrol

Office Address: 1600 Highway 2, P.O. Box 94907, Lincoln, NE 68509-4907, phone (402) 471-4545, toll-free Emergency Highway Help Line (800) 525-5555 (*55 on cellular phones), toll-free statewide Crime Stoppers Line (800) 422-1494, Road Conditions Line dial 511, Recruitment Hot Line (866) 564-6677, website — www.statepatrol.nebraska.gov

Superintendent: Col. John A. Bolduc

Administration: Lt. Col. Andrew Duis, Assistant Superintendent; Maj. Kyle Otte, Western Field Services; Maj. Jeff Pelowski, Central Field Services; Maj. Brenda Konfrst, Eastern Field Services; Maj. Russ Stanczyk, Administrative Services

Statutory References: 81-101 and 81-2001

Publications: Law enforcement bulletin; *The Informer* (internal newsletter); annual report; strategic plan; pamphlets and brochures

Headquarters Troop: Air Park-Lincoln, P.O. Box 94907, Lincoln, NE 68509-4907, phone (402) 471-4680

Troop A: 4411 S. 108th St., Omaha, NE 68137, phone (402) 331-3333

Troop B: 1401 W. Eisenhower Ave., Norfolk, NE 68701-2199, phone (402) 370-3456

Troop C: 3431 W. Old Potash, P.O. Box 1602, Grand Island, NE 68802-1602, phone (308) 385-6000

Troop D: Junction Highway 83 and Interstate 80, 300 W. South River Road, North Platte, NE 69101-6988, phone (308) 535-8047

Troop E: Panhandle Office Complex, 4500 Ave. I, P.O. Box 1500, Scottsbluff, NE 69361-0872, phone (308) 632-1211

In 1937, the Legislature created the Nebraska Safety Patrol, making it a division of the Department of Roads and Irrigation. As amended in 1941, the law named the patrol's chief officer as "superintendent of Law Enforcement and Public Safety." In 1967, the Legislature changed the name to State Patrol and broadened the division's duties. In 1981, the Legislature made the State Patrol a separate agency, removing it from Department of Roads' control.

The superintendent's office directly supervises professional standards, public information and executive protection. Other state patrol duties are classified under three general areas: administrative services, investigative services and field services.

Officers of the state patrol also provide executive protection for the governor and the governor's family, legislative security and Supreme/Appellate Court security.

Administrative Services

This division includes accounting, grants, information technology, supply, purchasing, CLEIN network administration, research and planning, project management and the training academy.

Internal Affairs Division

The Internal Affairs Division provides the agency a means of maintaining professional conduct within the Nebraska State Patrol. The Internal Affairs lieutenant receives complaints from the public and within the agency and initiates administrative investigations into complaints that allege misconduct. The division also tracks incidents where officers were required to use force or discharge weapons in the performance of their duties.

Investigative Services Division

The Investigative Services Division includes criminal investigations, drug investigations, the Nebraska Information Analysis Center (intelligence sharing of all crimes and hazards), criminal identification (fingerprint and criminal history files) and the following divisions: alcohol/tobacco, auto/fuel fraud, crime lab, hazardous devices, Internet crimes and the sex offender registry program.

Alcohol/Tobacco Division

The Nebraska State Patrol serves as the primary enforcement agency for the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission. In addition to liquor law enforcement, the patrol investigates the background of liquor license applicants and complaints of alleged violations and conducts licensed premise inspections. The patrol also provides training to retail liquor license holders regarding state law, the rules and regulations of the Liquor Control Commission and methods of detecting false identification.

Auto/Fuel Fraud Division

The Auto Fraud Division tracks stolen vehicles and educates key individuals about identification of false vehicle documents. The division promotes anti-auto fraud and public awareness programs and provides certification training to vehicle title inspectors. Fuel fraud personnel investigate fuel tax fraud, illegal use of dyed diesel fuel and consumer fraud involving fuel quality and quantity. The division also investigates fraud involving the nonpayment of tax and registration fees related to the sale and/or purchase of vehicles in Nebraska.

Crime Laboratory

The mission of the Nebraska State Patrol Crime Laboratory is to serve as a state leader in the field of forensic science serving law enforcement agencies statewide. Key functions include evidence analysis, operation of the state's DNA databank, expert court testimony and evidence collection and preservation training. The crime lab provides all services free of charge to Nebraska law enforcement and the criminal justice system.

Drug Investigations

Nebraska State Patrol drug investigators throughout the state investigate all levels of crime involving the manufacture, sale and distribution of illegal drugs. Investigators increasingly are focusing on identifying, infiltrating and dismantling upper-level drug trafficking organizations through cooperative efforts with the state's Drug Task Force units, many of which have a state patrol investigator assigned on a full time basis.

Hazardous Devices Squad

The Hazardous Devices Squad consists of hazardous device technicians certified through the Federal Bureau of Investigation's Hazardous Devices School. The squad's responsibilities include responding to explosives calls, providing training in explosive recognition and awareness and enforcing laws regarding the purchase, use and storage of commercial explosives.

Technical Crimes Unit/Internet Crimes Against Children

The Technical Crimes Unit addresses the use of computers and electronic devices to commit fraud, identity theft and other related computer crimes. The Internet Crimes Against Children unit is one of 60 federally funded ICAC task forces in the United States. The unit works proactive and reactive cases involving child pornography and online enticement of children for sexual purposes. The unit also works with other agencies to investigate threats to the State of Nebraska's technology infrastructure.

Sex Offender Registry

The Sex Offender Registry was created to maintain records of convicted sex offenders. Program personnel determine the length of the mandatory registration period for each offender, track offenders' address and employment changes, conduct community notification and investigate violations of registry laws.

Field Services

Field Services include highway patrolling, crash investigations, motor carrier enforcement, SWAT team services and the Aviation Support, Community Policing and Police Service Dog divisions.

Aviation Support

The Aviation Support Division has pilots stationed in Lincoln and Ogallala. Three fixed-wing aircraft and one helicopter are used to enforce motor vehicle laws, conduct surveillance, search for missing persons and assist other law enforcement agencies.

Community Policing Division

The Nebraska State Patrol has officers dedicated to participate in community policing, which is a partnership between police and the communities they serve. The program is designed to identify problems and to develop solutions to these problems. Nebraska State Patrol Community Service Officers conduct or assist with a variety of programs, including the Metro Area Motorist Assist Program, Nebraska Motorist Assist Program, Central Nebraska Motorist Assist Program and Junior Law Program.

Police Service Dog Division

The Police Service Dog Division consists of 11 officers and their police service dogs. The dogs are trained to track suspects or missing persons, search buildings or vehicles for drugs and explosives, protect officers and apprehend suspects.

Department of Revenue

Office Address: 301 Centennial Mall South, Second Floor, P.O. Box 94818, Lincoln, NE 68509-4818, phone (402) 471-5729, toll-free taxpayer assistance line for Nebraska and Iowa 1-800-742-7474, website — revenue.nebraska.gov

Tax Commissioner: Tony Fulton

Statutory References: Nebraska Constitution, Article IV, Section 28; and 77-360

Publications: Statistical information annual report; Fund Summary Report; Department of Revenue Annual Incentives Report; Tax Expenditure Report; and other reports required by law or for informational purposes

The Nebraska Department of Revenue, through the tax commissioner, has indirect authority over state revenues and directly administers major state tax programs except alcoholic beverage and insurance premium taxes.

A constitutional amendment in 1967 prohibited state government from using property tax revenues. To replace this revenue, the Legislature enacted a state sales and use tax and a state income tax. The sales and use tax became effective in 1967, and the income tax became effective in 1968.

The Department of Revenue prepares an annual report that includes statistical information on collected state taxes. This report is available at revenue.nebraska.gov.

Administration

The department is organized into five divisions: Compliance and Motor Fuels, Lot-

tery and Charitable Gaming, Operations and Information Technology, Administrative Services and Property Assessment.

Compliance and Motor Fuels Division

The Compliance and Motor Fuels Division is responsible for:

- assuring fair and uniform payment and collection of tax due under Nebraska's tax system
- performing audit, legal and collection duties related to enforcement of Nebraska's tax laws
- investigating tax fraud and evasion
- administering motor fuels and tax incentive programs

Lottery and Charitable Gaming Division

Statutory Reference: 9-804 and 9-1,101

The Legislature established the Charitable Gaming Division in 1986 to regulate charitable gaming activities in Nebraska. In November 1992, Nebraska voters approved a constitutional amendment authorizing the creation of a state lottery. The Nebraska Lottery was created by LB138, passed by the 1993 Legislature.

The State Athletic Commissioner is co-located in the Lottery and Charitable Gaming Division and is responsible for regulating mixed martial arts, professional wrestling and professional boxing in Nebraska.

The Lottery and Charitable Gaming Division:

- generates funds for lottery beneficiaries, including the Nebraska Environmental Trust, education as directed by the Legislature, the Compulsive Gamblers Assistance Fund and the Nebraska State Fair Board
- sells instant-win and online lottery games
- administers laws relating to bingo, keno, pickle cards and raffles and is responsible for licensing, policy and enforcement activities
- ensures that charitable gaming proceeds are accurately accounted for and used in a lawful manner

Operations and Information Technology Division

The Operations and Information Technology Division:

- manages and administers the department's various resources to provide staff with information and services needed to deliver efficient and high quality service to the public
- is responsible for information and tax return processing, procurement, facilities and technology management and support services for the department
- provides taxpayer assistance through educational information on the department's website, over the phone or in person at educational seminars

Administrative Services Division

The Administrative Services Division:

- develops legislative and regulatory policies that clearly inform the public about

Nebraska tax law

- conducts economic research, such as preparing the forecast of state receipts and estimating the tax impact of proposed legislation
- is responsible for human resources, financial and accounting systems and related support services for the department

Property Assessment Division

Statutory Reference: 77-701

The Property Assessment Division:

- provides legal, policy and assessment information through regulations, directives, standards, manuals and education to county assessors and other assessing officers to ensure uniform execution of property tax laws
- researches and develops information and reports regarding property valuations and taxes to assist the Legislature, administrators and taxpayers in making informed decisions concerning the quality of the assessment function of the property tax system
- determines valuations and distributes value or tax of centrally assessed property such as railroads, public service entities, car lines and air carriers
- qualifies eligible personal property for exemption under tax incentive programs and administers programs, including: homestead exemption; documentary stamp tax; real property tax credit; Personal Property Tax Relief Act; and Rent-Restricted Housing Projects Valuation Committee
- determines assessable valuations for school districts for use in the school aid formula

Convention Center Facility Financing Assistance Board

Contact Person: Tony Fulton, Tax Commissioner, Nebraska Department of Revenue, 301 Centennial Mall South, Second Floor, P.O. Box 94818, Lincoln, NE 68509-4818, phone (402) 471-5604

Statutory Reference: 13-2601

In 1999, the Legislature created the Convention Center Facility Financing Assistance Act to ensure that the state may receive long-term economic and fiscal benefits from convention facilities. The board determined whether political subdivisions that file applications under this act qualify for state assistance.

Under the act, there can be no new applicants for state assistance after Dec. 31, 2012. However, the department continues to administer the state assistance as approved by the board for two successful applicants.

Sports Arena Facility Financing Assistance Board

Contact Person: Tony Fulton, Tax Commissioner, Nebraska Department of Revenue, 301 Centennial Mall South, Second Floor, P.O. Box 94818, Lincoln, NE 68509-4818, phone (402) 471-5604

Statutory Reference: 13-3101

In 2010, the Legislature created the Sports Arena Facility Financing Assistance Act. The board determines whether political subdivisions that file applications under

this act qualify for state assistance.

The board consists of the governor, state treasurer, chairperson of the Nebraska Investment Council, chairperson of the Nebraska State Board of Public Accountancy and a professor of economics from a state postsecondary educational institution appointed by the Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education.

Members

Position

Lori Druse, Lincoln	Chair, Nebraska State Board of Public Accountancy
John Murante, Omaha.....	State Treasurer
Pete Ricketts, Lincoln/Omaha.....	Governor
Eric Thompson, Lincoln	Director, University of Nebraska-Lincoln Bureau of Business Research
Gail Werner-Robertson, Omaha.....	Chairperson, Nebraska Investment Council

Total Property Taxes Levied in Nebraska, 1887-2017*

Year	Total Assessed Valuation ^{1,18}	Total State Levy in Mills	Total State Taxes Levied	Total Amount of State Taxes Levied	Total Amount of County Taxes Levied	Total Amount of City/Village Taxes Levied	Total Amount of Township Taxes Levied	Total Amount of School Taxes Levied	Total Amount of Other Taxes Levied ¹⁶	Grand Total All Property Taxes Levied
1887.....	160,506,266	8.13	1,305,659	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1897.....	165,193,736	7.15	1,181,919	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1907.....	329,413,349	7.00	2,305,893	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1917.....	528,891,424	8.48	4,484,999	-	-	-	-	-	-	51,600,457.36
1920.....	762,284,909	10.39	7,932,575	-	-	-	-	-	-	59,365,699.26
1921.....	3,212,737,091	3.30	10,930,607	-	-	-	-	-	-	55,967,004.92
1925.....	3,176,773,795	2.35	7,482,542	-	-	-	-	-	-	54,970,346.96
1926.....	3,177,159,318	1.80	5,718,886	-	-	-	-	-	-	66,028,255.91
1927.....	3,141,146,610	3.75	11,779,299	-	-	-	-	-	-	58,273,807.24
1928.....	3,125,855,462	2.06	6,439,262	-	-	-	-	-	-	59,442,398.97
1929.....	3,167,489,383	2.40	7,645,798	-	-	-	-	-	-	58,485,076.39
1930.....	3,102,050,571	2.34	7,258,798	-	-	-	-	-	-	56,424,184.07
1931.....	3,045,793,706	2.04	6,213,419	-	-	-	-	-	-	49,388,994.64
1932.....	2,521,000,981	2.37	5,974,772	-	-	-	-	-	-	42,906,527.94
1933.....	2,073,283,250	2.39	4,955,147	-	-	-	-	-	-	42,068,482.03
1934.....	2,059,678,928	2.10	4,424,207	-	-	-	-	-	-	43,878,947.41
1935.....	2,030,243,533	2.15	4,467,760	-	-	-	-	-	-	44,113,357.43
1936.....	2,060,835,168	1.76	3,732,183	-	-	-	-	-	-	47,024,422.95
1937.....	2,058,224,967	2.64	5,536,161	-	-	-	-	-	-	47,183,558.77
1938.....	2,033,302,482	2.68	6,213,375 ³	-	-	-	-	-	-	46,819,088.50
1939.....	2,047,519,591	2.61	6,111,012 ³	-	-	-	-	-	-	45,713,054.72
1940.....	1,922,271,788	2.57	5,751,790,31 ³	8,522,835.62	9,363,959.00	9,363,959.00	827,583.52	19,089,644.91	2,157,241.36	46,271,291.87
1941.....	1,949,775,725	2.71	6,114,720,49 ³	8,544,696.34	9,528,105.72	9,528,105.72	868,795.63	19,249,031.84	1,965,941.85	47,416,936.73
1942.....	2,042,442,436	2.39	5,892,250,53 ³	8,437,615.85	9,923,106.54	9,923,106.54	911,358.28	20,321,586.08	1,931,019.45	49,791,714.25
1943.....	2,123,882,890	2.48	6,434,989,90 ³	7,346,061.49	9,731,625.33	9,731,625.33	902,633.21	22,596,098.56	2,780,305.76	51,814,011.79
1944.....	2,115,063,748	2.54 ³	6,646,877,64 ³	7,089,268.72	9,635,450.57	9,635,450.57	918,210.88	24,661,371.55	2,862,832.43	57,511,244.81
1945.....	2,153,798,946	2.84 ³	7,341,696,98 ³	8,344,525.21	10,360,226.65	10,360,226.65	1,119,521.03	27,193,352.52	2,951,922.42	63,243,778.23
1946.....	2,160,972,214	3.30 ³	8,970,146,90 ³	8,895,475.72	11,392,713.44	11,392,713.44	1,299,012.87	29,212,466.96	3,473,962.23	81,396,348.29 ⁹
1947.....	2,315,369,866	5.99 ³	16,226,395,97 ³	10,021,306.17	12,190,072.88	12,190,072.88	1,528,623.29	37,887,372.40	3,202,980.14	90,287,562,48 ⁹
1948.....	2,499,222,769	5.26 ⁶	16,590,938,10 ³	11,128,634.02	14,026,147.84	14,026,147.84	1,829,223.68	43,285,645.46	3,163,184.71	98,664,524,15 ⁹
1949.....	2,640,565,444	5.86 ⁷	19,118,120,38 ³	12,798,837.04	15,451,581.85	15,451,581.85	2,081,642.94	45,907,269.75	3,005,280.95	107,576,591,44 ⁹
1950.....	2,719,489,576	5.76	19,519,763,708 ³	12,835,629.71	16,199,324.47	16,199,324.47	2,182,106.43	53,225,772.76	3,218,657.15	120,655,280,82 ⁹
1951.....	3,014,247,550	6.59	24,171,059,53 ³	14,358,354.06	18,371,648.03	18,371,648.03	2,296,761.73	58,205,008.79	2,621,995.26	122,746,136,67 ⁹
1952.....	3,104,475,679	6.98	27,025,733,01 ³	14,424,701.63	20,346,311.25	20,346,311.25	2,467,706.17	55,240,372.79	2,683,738.43	124,347,195,93 ⁹
1953.....	3,383,619,610	5.75	24,830,943,41 ³	14,194,973.78	21,824,327.76	21,824,327.76	2,480,913.40	57,896,786.43	2,621,022.59	128,041,382,23 ⁹
1954.....	3,043,753,089	6.69	20,820,539,57 ³	19,138,043.41	21,692,901.55	21,692,901.55	2,351,358.95	60,463,284.26	2,902,266.64	

* Source: Department of Revenue Property Assessment Division.

Total Property Taxes Levied in Nebraska, 1887-2017 (Cont'd.)

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1955.....	3,059,667,317	8.18	25,468,398.01 ⁸	21,939,063.84	22,761,837.33	2,171,542.77	66,811,906.76	2,856,726.27	142,627,627.96 ³
1956.....	2,958,572,814	8.09	24,388,599.86	22,741,831.79	23,187,048.99	1,974,012.50	70,246,466.64	3,094,990.67	146,212,379.98 ³
1957.....	2,968,251,035	8.23	24,949,837.30	24,081,108.68	23,784,781.65	1,891,013.32	75,396,263.55	2,795,780.66	153,524,482.99 ³
1958.....	3,026,479,555	7.97	24,598,189.28	25,162,038.00	25,912,049.95	2,010,803.07	81,258,148.92	2,789,387.21	161,513,035.51 ⁹
1959.....	3,175,363,640	8.45	27,742,734.00 ¹⁰	27,010,154.00 ¹⁰	26,916,580.00 ¹⁰	2,108,651.00	89,390,547.00 ¹⁰	1,823,095.00	175,700,835.00 ⁹
1960.....	3,212,814,395	8.43	27,084,022.00 ¹⁰	29,209,653.04	29,078,360.40	2,379,647.37	97,361,961.77	1,797,134.61	189,000,049.35
1961.....	3,278,007,212	8.41	27,568,040.00	30,288,018.92	31,089,977.95	2,416,917.37	102,502,803.84	2,283,652.45	198,260,199.20
1962.....	3,367,213,876	8.43	28,385,612.00	32,898,733.90	33,450,894.22	2,472,914.89	110,833,920.33	2,862,106.94	214,740,261.73
1963.....	3,458,065,766	9.80	33,871,754.17	35,173,833.83	35,679,276.30	2,665,803.87	120,789,718.71	3,508,721.12	235,101,945.65
1964.....	3,553,328,531	9.14	32,477,422.77	37,387,165.00	38,454,973.00	2,585,621.00	126,879,196.00	4,527,456.00	246,171,142.00
1965.....	3,824,944,306	11.73	44,866,596.73	42,191,781.00	42,010,524.00	2,526,240.00	137,366,909.00	5,595,374.00	278,511,202.00
1966.....	4,334,187,613	10.67	49,317,239.46	47,162,520.04	47,093,081.86	2,590,065.42	155,612,952.14	5,227,918.82	308,319,630.21
1967.....	4,425,081,231	-	-	52,228,134.16	47,711,381.94	2,772,969.00	188,637,979.46	2,673,756.93	296,865,045.75
1968.....	4,450,148,845	-	-	52,698,236.33	48,477,535.15	2,707,718.34	186,970,844.29	1,703,395.38	291,657,729.49
1969.....	5,134,365,585	-	-	55,240,378.58	52,225,096.24	2,978,619.20	207,010,518.22	1,877,520.28	319,322,132.65
1970.....	5,375,575,178	-	-	60,070,893.23	55,540,398.42	2,886,917.00	227,298,397.69	5,494,558.40	351,261,164.85
1971.....	5,537,901,733 ¹¹	-	-	67,941,724.18 ¹²	58,579,109.57 ¹²	3,021,725.63	253,055,623.67 ¹³	6,957,773.65	389,555,956.70
1972.....	5,731,535,854	-	-	66,815,345.18	59,850,069.91	3,067,721.90	268,140,216.20	11,841,962.08	409,715,315.27
1973.....	6,077,281,894	-	-	67,530,676.69	63,207,701.26	3,192,637.20	266,937,559.55	14,836,694.79	415,705,269.49
1974.....	6,503,268,242	-	-	79,948,378.28	69,070,859.84	3,583,457.94	283,085,525.68	16,840,654.20	452,228,855.94
1975.....	6,748,224,013	-	-	89,488,177.16	77,568,121.34	3,938,242.37	335,418,412.12	20,170,789.27	526,583,742.26
1976.....	7,017,779,158	-	-	97,559,784.14	84,249,910.50	4,169,473.22	390,698,319.60	20,334,040.50	597,011,527.96
1977.....	7,627,733,927	-	-	104,203,795.14	88,979,987.30	4,215,692.98	418,143,661.85	23,306,318.55	638,849,455.82
1978.....	7,613,655,151	-	-	92,085,281.43	91,670,649.88	4,302,523.80	419,938,308.46	28,324,536.08	636,321,799.65
1979.....	11,980,807,548	-	-	106,732,742.66	96,719,718.42	5,275,881.41	445,372,813.04	29,031,662.89	683,132,818.45
1980.....	12,671,717,612	-	-	118,268,175.56	111,624,487.08	5,563,853.87	444,546,095.81	29,078,338.43	708,671,290.75
1981.....	37,323,254,040 ¹⁴	-	-	127,122,316.17	119,606,762.19	5,885,564.33	490,175,200.88	31,251,930.94	774,041,774.51
1982.....	38,553,689,126	-	-	132,356,518.71	129,261,511.16	6,705,460.35	519,253,159.61	33,342,822.26	820,801,472.09
1983.....	41,035,051,624	-	-	145,712,192.81	137,795,517.73	7,478,969.60	567,525,724.12	35,387,354.34	893,894,758.60
1984.....	41,632,906,878	-	-	149,167,872.98	138,999,350.26	8,052,530.26	609,396,443.60	43,989,999.79	949,606,197.93
1985.....	44,606,914,842	-	-	156,689,853.19	136,371,552.53	8,278,854.46	662,053,133.94	51,428,651.23	1,015,272,045.31
1986.....	43,925,258,319	-	-	132,584,555.93	143,742,404.22	7,873,142.86	607,383,486.92	57,595,701.77	1,059,179,271.70
1987.....	44,309,579,823	-	-	154,933,300.94	145,524,398.57	7,690,335.05	731,285,985.70	61,851,081.68	1,109,975,101.94
1988.....	44,697,049,210	-	-	162,374,423.42	148,990,983.71	7,718,388.90	777,782,707.17	66,819,052.85	1,163,685,738.01
1989.....	49,991,878,834	-	-	176,918,895.88	159,159,888.88	7,860,447.76	874,714,424.69	72,335,081.60	1,291,928,680.84
1990.....	52,725,587,847	-	-	183,324,179.08	160,049,218.35	7,969,656.39	792,951,893.81	73,413,706.30	1,217,708,654.73
1991.....	54,041,010,920	-	-	193,159,277.33	164,070,911.90	8,080,419.88	813,288,636.89	78,448,202.84	1,257,047,448.83

Total Property Taxes Levied in Nebraska, 1887-2017 (Cont'd.)

Year	Total Assessed Valuation ^{1, 18}	Total State Levy in Mills	Total Amount of State Taxes Levied	Total Amount of County Taxes Levied	Total Amount of City/Village Taxes Levied	Total Amount of Township Taxes Levied	Total Amount of School Taxes Levied	Total Amount of Other Taxes Levied ¹⁶	Grand Total All Property Taxes Levied
1992.....	56,004,491,961 ¹⁵	-	-	201,879,272.15	166,154,038.92	8,260,817.28	855,628,353.49	82,364,305.22	1,314,286,787.06
1993.....	57,861,622,350	-	-	218,962,439.61	171,372,563.13	8,553,226.25	929,381,710.83	85,595,621.83	1,413,865,561.65
1994.....	63,265,656,339	-	-	229,536,803.30	177,038,220.01	8,700,649.39	1,008,550,114.90	92,717,692.33	1,516,843,479.93
1995.....	66,323,588,789	-	-	240,542,678.67	189,442,108.16	8,864,252.86	977,130,665.94	168,914,201.08	1,584,893,906.72
1996.....	70,501,578,300	-	-	243,650,064.85	190,419,199.29	9,219,214.58	1,021,743,386.08	179,116,083.26	1,644,147,948.05
1997.....	69,048,638,885 ¹⁷	-	-	229,054,744.74	175,080,143.47	9,126,158.00	957,975,231.90	175,305,191.98	1,546,541,470.09
1998.....	74,603,633,524	-	-	227,198,972.00	175,402,964.00	8,487,915.00	957,303,846.00	165,051,939.00	1,471,472,636.00
1999.....	81,499,658,239	-	-	229,116,147.00	186,516,508.00	8,781,760.00	959,974,794.00	144,062,329.00	1,519,471,538.00
2000.....	88,307,553,325	-	-	242,907,650.00	190,534,175.00	8,976,206.00	1,043,281,114.00	154,882,574.00	1,640,581,719.00
2001.....	93,938,214,211	-	-	270,198,652.00	203,672,425.00	9,348,336.00	1,078,506,900.00	200,107,277.00	1,761,833,590.00
2002.....	98,162,679,918	-	-	292,056,327.00	210,563,949.00	9,489,701.00	1,143,578,889.00	212,457,717.00	1,868,146,583.00
2003.....	104,200,041,103	-	-	321,016,370.00	219,615,828.00	9,800,769.00	1,254,770,485.00	233,423,949.00	2,038,627,402.00
2004.....	109,123,243,710	-	-	340,066,873.00	226,999,695.00	10,233,494.00	1,307,534,623.00	254,165,416.00	2,139,540,101.00
2005.....	116,267,633,375	-	-	368,559,351.00	241,989,667.00	10,464,502.00	1,378,914,526.00	282,070,221.00	2,281,998,267.00
2006.....	125,064,178,626	-	-	393,816,418.00	253,672,669.00	11,102,880.00	1,474,275,271.00	309,196,343.00	2,442,063,581.00
2007.....	131,993,854,563	-	-	417,047,416.00	274,204,507.00	11,822,448.00	1,552,763,379.00	325,774,758.00	2,581,612,508.00
2008.....	139,910,063,115	-	-	442,543,981.00	290,516,115.00	12,601,710.00	1,632,162,008.00	395,028,998.00	2,772,852,812.00
2009.....	147,626,212,873	-	-	464,194,036.00	311,282,052.00	13,081,116.00	1,716,241,503.00	371,327,467.00	2,876,126,174.00
2010.....	154,005,148,221	-	-	492,464,502.00	320,814,632.00	13,925,087.00	1,778,846,009.00	383,030,621.00	2,991,080,851.00
2011.....	160,728,246,466	-	-	513,500,121.00	335,718,492.00	14,608,496.00	1,843,237,551.00	405,883,258.00	3,108,747,898.00
2012.....	169,958,724,711	-	-	541,757,212.00	340,610,815.00	15,099,242.00	1,922,638,277.00	411,764,206.00	3,231,879,749.00
2013.....	184,353,161,915	-	-	564,516,999.00	344,063,476.00	16,099,936.00	2,029,910,737.00	451,129,091.00	3,400,720,239.00
2014.....	206,760,399,495	-	-	577,726,938.00	351,918,875.00	16,420,904.00	2,139,647,684.00	479,364,303.00	3,565,078,704.00
2015.....	227,668,925,779	-	-	600,786,669.00	369,262,696.00	16,708,931.00	2,280,164,356.00	514,510,815.00	3,781,433,467.00
2016.....	238,324,364,379	-	-	620,330,265.00	380,643,702.00	17,037,332.00	2,353,467,456.00	533,406,222.00	3,904,884,977.00
2017.....	245,203,340,134	-	-	644,226,173.00	398,746,875.00	17,572,907.00	2,436,664,177.00	557,527,398.00	4,054,737,530.00

¹From 1921 to 1952, property was assessed at full value instead of one-fifth value, as in past years. From 1953 to 1957, property was assessed at 50 percent of value. From 1959 to 1980, property was assessed at 35 percent of value. Starting in 1981, property has been assessed at full value.

²Includes tax levied by counties but remitted to state for hospitals for the "insane and feebleminded."

³Includes one-tenth of a mill for reimbursing permanent school fund.

⁴Includes one-tenth of a mill for reimbursing permanent school fund and .47 of a mill for Veterans Aid Fund Levy.

⁵Includes one-tenth of a mill for historical society buildings, .44 of a mill for Veterans Aid Fund Levy and 1.10 mills for Building Fund Levy.

⁶Includes .41 of a mill for Veterans Aid Fund Levy and 1.10 mills for Building Fund Levy.

⁷Includes .38 of a mill for Veterans Aid Fund Levy and 1.10 mills for Building Fund Levy.

⁸Includes Douglas County Tax Appraisal Board Taxes and Veterans Aid Fund, 1950-55.

Footnotes (Cont'd.)

⁹ Includes Rural Fire District Taxes, Road District Taxes and Grain and Seed Taxes, 1947-79.

¹⁰ Includes Head Tax.

¹¹ Homestead exemption amount of \$6.3 million.

¹² State aid to cities and counties amount to \$12.6 million annually.

¹³ State aid to public schools amount to \$35 million annually.

¹⁴ Actual value.

¹⁵ In 1992, Nebraska changed the valuation methodology for personal property from market value to a depreciated net book basis. See *Nebraska Department of Revenue Annual Report*. Beginning in 1992, agricultural land is assessed at 80 percent, and all other real property is assessed at 100 percent of actual value.

¹⁶ Reflects taxes levied for rural fire districts, natural resources districts, educational service units, community colleges and miscellaneous districts.

¹⁷ 1997 value excludes motor vehicle values per LB271, passed in 1997.

¹⁸ Beginning in 2007, assessment of agricultural land decreased from 80 percent to 75 percent of actual value, and all other real property is assessed at 100 percent of actual value.

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Year	Total Assessed Valuation	Real Property ¹⁶	Real Property Assessment	Real Property Percent of Total	Personal Property Exclusive of Railroad ¹⁷	Personal Property Percent of Total Assessment	Railroad Property	Railroad Property Percent of Total Assessment	Total Intangible Personal Property
1867	\$ 20,069,222	\$ 12,101,211	60.30		\$ 6,889,961	34.33	\$ 1,078,050	5.37	\$ 1,064,638
1877	71,311,578	46,833,647	65.67		16,130,095	22.62	8,347,836	11.71	2,199,341
1887	160,506,266	96,358,889	60.03		40,546,015	25.26	23,601,362	14.70	4,032,794
1897	165,193,736	112,908,973	68.39		26,605,662	16.11	25,619,101	15.51	2,272,418
1907	329,413,349	192,933,917	58.57		83,081,460 ¹⁸	25.22	53,397,972	16.21	15,361,496
1917	528,891,424	352,057,625	66.57		119,978,346	22.68	56,855,453	10.75	16,418,836
1920	762,284,909	540,197,502	70.87		160,788,213	21.09	160,299,188	8.04	20,267,538
1921	3,212,737,091 ¹⁹	2,366,548,145	73.66		539,068,627	16.78	307,120,316	9.56	84,235,452
1922	3,202,705,714	2,293,043,094 ²⁰	71.60		594,032,740	18.55	315,629,880	9.86	141,266,092 ²¹
1925	3,176,773,795 ²²	2,356,963,175	74.19		506,667,668	15.95	313,429,952	9.86	151,642,492 ²³
1926	3,177,159,318	2,376,019,296	74.78		488,050,275	15.36	313,089,747	9.85	144,582,220
1927	3,141,146,610	2,391,522,671	76.14		468,475,552	14.91	281,148,387	8.95	142,235,872
1928	3,125,855,462	2,400,614,031	76.80		466,799,354	14.93	258,442,077	8.27	172,562,291
1929	3,167,489,383	2,409,769,335	76.08		497,716,692	15.71	260,003,356	8.21	300,783,204 ²⁴
1930	3,102,050,571	2,357,541,588	76.00		484,373,892	15.61	260,135,091	8.39	242,115,851
1931	3,045,793,706	2,358,299,796	77.43		434,652,071	14.27	252,841,839	8.30	206,321,388
1932	2,521,000,981	1,965,705,448	77.97		334,338,251	13.26	220,957,282	8.76	150,962,544
1933	2,073,283,250	1,598,243,869	77.09		291,457,726	14.06	183,581,655	8.85	119,704,144
1934	2,059,678,928	1,587,987,654	77.10		304,087,911	14.76	167,603,363	8.14	103,080,003
1935	2,030,243,553	1,587,710,975	78.20		296,795,706	14.62	145,736,852	7.18	104,081,555
1936	2,060,835,168	1,581,278,483	76.73		331,270,590	16.07	148,286,095	7.20	110,960,397
1937	2,038,224,967	1,580,200,530	76.77		318,594,227	15.48	159,430,210	7.75	115,662,946
1938	2,033,302,482	1,575,646,085	77.49		314,819,092	15.48	142,837,305	7.02	106,260,614
1939	2,047,519,591	1,573,350,879	76.84		335,457,787	16.38	138,710,925	6.77	112,891,068
1940	1,922,271,788	1,457,849,933	75.84		333,129,615	17.33	131,292,240	6.83	114,623,255
1941	1,949,775,725	1,463,623,407	75.07		355,189,958	18.22	130,962,360	6.72	133,246,090
1942	2,042,442,436	1,448,884,200	70.94		457,905,661	22.42	135,632,575	6.64	142,369,989
1943	2,123,882,890	1,450,987,413	68.32		531,938,227	25.05	140,957,250	6.64	169,066,125
1944	2,115,063,748	1,453,194,829	68.71		517,587,944	24.47	144,280,975	6.82	215,206,984
1945	2,153,798,946	1,453,766,320	67.50		551,837,526	25.62	148,195,100	6.88	243,865,914
1946	2,160,972,214	1,482,406,559	68.60		529,705,150	24.51	148,860,505	6.89	318,114,173
1947	2,315,569,866	1,488,397,061	64.28		674,712,300	29.14	152,260,505	6.58	413,462,649
1948	2,499,222,769	1,533,713,684	61.37		811,321,135	32.46	154,187,950	6.17	474,139,556

* Source: Department of Revenue Property Assessment Division

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Year	Total Assessed Valuation	Real Property ¹⁶	Real Property Percent of Total Assessment	Personal Property Exclusive of Railroad ¹⁷	Personal Property Percent of Total Assessment	Railroad Property	Railroad Property Percent of Total Assessment	Total Intangible Personal Property
1949.....	2,640,565,444	1,557,543,971	58.90	927,048,668	35.11	155,972,805	5.91	500,682,682
1950.....	2,719,489,560	1,586,594,626	58.34	978,066,444	35.96	154,828,490	5.69	507,602,933
1951.....	3,014,247,550	1,610,856,676	53.44	1,246,515,574	41.35	156,875,300	5.20	555,907,085
1952.....	3,104,475,679	1,670,371,892 ¹	53.81	1,275,736,527	41.09	158,367,260	5.10	573,707,391
1953.....	3,383,619,610 ¹⁰	2,255,487,203	66.66	970,874,127	28.69	157,258,280	4.65	616,303,295
1954.....	3,043,753,089	2,030,914,111	66.72	870,580,928	28.60	142,258,050	4.67	630,066,852 ¹¹
1955.....	3,059,667,319	2,072,888,026	68.04	839,224,448	27.11	147,554,845	4.84	696,306,628
1956.....	2,955,664,238	2,099,906,982	71.05	717,248,081	24.25	138,509,175	4.69	681,728,426
1957.....	2,968,251,035	2,113,714,760	71.21	829,518,930	27.95	138,319,455	4.66	717,252,624
1958.....	3,192,817,877	2,174,291,860	68.10	849,636,484	26.61	134,401,405	4.21	762,321,077
1959.....	3,175,691,135	2,205,839,408	69.46	833,861,697	26.25	135,990,130	4.28	1,240,857,320
1960.....	3,212,807,088	2,243,524,342	69.83	870,120,735	27.10	93,162,011	3.09	1,529,115,007
1961.....	3,278,007,212	2,318,617,271	70.73	866,017,201	26.40	93,372,740	2.84	1,584,952,524
1962.....	3,367,213,876	2,371,833,963	70.43	902,065,914	26.78	89,224,590	2.65	-
1963.....	3,438,065,766	2,424,048,733	70.10	945,614,038	27.24	88,402,995	2.56	2,108,598,300
1964.....	3,553,328,531	2,470,718,926	69.53	995,676,495	28.02	86,933,110	2.45	2,501,310,940
1965.....	3,824,944,306	2,732,479,530	71.44	1,001,128,073	26.17	86,529,081	2.26	2,652,907,328
1966.....	4,334,187,613	3,159,596,852	72.90	1,086,309,231	25.06	88,281,530	2.04	2,884,000,414
1967.....	4,250,081,231	2,984,666,685	70.23	1,175,988,689	27.67	89,425,857	2.10	2,863,209,129
1968.....	4,468,372,540	3,200,919,638	71.63	1,176,104,251	26.32	91,348,451	2.05	- ¹²
1969.....	5,134,478,973	3,849,257,487	74.97	1,199,053,359	22.35	86,187,927	1.68	-
1970.....	5,375,575,178	3,998,915,338	74.39	1,291,269,225	24.02	85,390,583	1.59	-
1971.....	5,537,901,733	4,098,047,282	74.00	1,355,531,749	24.48	84,322,702	1.52	-
1972.....	5,731,535,854	4,225,861,385	73.73	1,422,997,118	24.83	82,677,351	1.44	-
1973.....	6,077,281,894	4,399,344,363	72.39	1,595,208,108	26.25	82,729,423	1.36	-
1974.....	5,032,668,242	4,545,771,789	69.90	1,869,689,620	28.75	87,806,833	1.35	-
1975.....	6,748,224,013	4,714,977,422	69.87	1,936,470,363	28.70	96,776,228	1.43	-
1976.....	7,014,552,162	4,870,738,201	69.43	2,033,928,295	29.00	109,885,666	1.57	-
1977.....	7,617,569,159	5,090,179,350	66.82	2,408,764,867	31.62	118,424,942	1.56	-
1978.....	7,497,203,141	5,809,800,395	77.49	1,582,305,010	21.11	105,097,736	1.40	-
1979.....	11,709,501,051	9,921,248,411	84.73	1,616,594,675	13.80	171,657,963	1.47	-
1980.....	12,595,238,136	10,766,455,938	85.48	1,650,872,705	13.11	177,909,493	1.41	-
1981.....	37,323,254,040 ¹³	31,606,074,891	84.92	5,049,099,285	13.53	578,079,864	1.55	-
1982.....	38,553,689,126	32,288,596,653	83.75	5,684,471,669	14.75	579,620,804	1.50	-

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Year	Total Assessed Valuation	Real Property ¹⁶	Real Property Percent of Total Assessment	Personal Property Exclusive of Railroad ¹⁷	Personal Property Percent of Total Assessment	Railroad Property	Railroad Property Percent of Total Assessment	Total Intangible Personal Property
1883	41,035,051,624	34,064,660,796	83.01	6,327,056,911	15.42	643,333,917	1.57	-
1884	41,632,906,878	34,384,265,705	82.59	6,659,041,648	15.99	589,599,525	1.42	-
1885	44,606,914,842	37,104,591,262	83.18	6,870,176,725	15.40	632,146,855	1.42	-
1886	43,923,238,319	35,970,585,552	81.89	7,176,500,759	16.34	778,112,028	1.77	-
1887	44,309,579,823	35,996,445,550	81.24	7,447,918,983	16.81	865,215,290	1.95	-
1888	44,697,049,210	36,393,161,035	81.42	7,397,672,672	16.55	906,215,503	2.03	-
1889	49,991,878,637	40,829,220,012	81.67	8,435,065,040	16.87	727,593,585	1.46	-
1890	52,725,587,844	43,171,451,761	81.88	8,789,762,416	16.67	764,373,667	1.45	-
1901	54,041,010,920	44,186,914,412	81.77	9,092,048,991	16.82	762,047,517	1.41	-
1902	56,004,491,961	46,377,140,154	82.81	8,823,435,894	15.75	803,915,913	1.44	-
1903	57,861,622,350	47,341,319,554	81.82	9,696,217,529	16.76	824,085,267	1.42	-
1904	63,265,656,295	52,051,782,739	82.27	10,285,974,593	16.26	927,898,963	1.47	-
1905	66,323,588,789	54,630,627,888	82.37	10,666,680,980 ¹⁴	16.08	1,026,279,921	1.55	-
1906	70,501,578,300	57,924,806,143	82.16	11,482,465,515	16.29	1,094,306,642	1.55	-
1907	69,048,638,885	62,016,909,786	89.82	5,891,413,763 ¹⁵	8.53	1,140,315,336	1.65	-
1908	74,603,633,524	67,008,740,898	89.82	6,449,831,324	8.65	1,145,061,302	1.53	-
1909	81,499,638,239	73,225,029,337	89.85	6,915,801,938	8.48	1,358,826,964	1.67	-
1910	88,307,553,325	79,685,257,667	90.24	7,119,165,417	8.06	1,503,130,241	1.70	-
2001	93,938,214,211	84,953,847,915	90.44	7,345,914,312	7.82	1,638,451,985	1.74	-
2002	98,162,679,918	88,843,723,480	90.51	7,609,223,132	7.75	1,709,733,306	1.74	-
2003	104,200,041,103	94,695,127,160	90.88	7,765,667,307	7.45	1,739,246,636	1.67	-
2004	109,123,243,710	99,963,078,318	91.61	7,279,339,135	6.67	1,880,926,257	1.72	-
2005	116,267,633,375	107,098,752,213	92.11	7,532,099,132	6.51	1,856,822,030	1.58	-
2006	125,064,178,626	115,873,475,468	92.65	7,296,098,925	5.83	1,894,604,233	1.51	-
2007	131,993,854,563	122,498,199,691	92.81	7,576,334,819	5.74	1,919,320,053	1.45	-
2008	139,910,063,115	129,349,834,846	92.45	8,425,595,986	6.02	2,134,632,284	1.53	-
2009	147,626,212,873	135,251,012,262	91.62	9,987,067,812	6.77	2,388,132,800	1.62	-
2010	154,005,148,221	140,544,220,029	91.26	10,689,035,035	6.94	2,771,893,157	1.80	-
2011	160,728,246,466	147,109,647,837	91.53	10,258,273,110	6.38	3,360,325,519	2.09	-
2012	169,958,724,711	154,935,309,785	91.16	11,337,159,368	6.67	3,686,255,558	2.17	-
2013	184,353,161,915	168,164,750,773	91.22	12,874,604,145	6.66	3,914,582,538	2.12	-
2014	206,170,399,495	189,029,168,710	91.69	12,874,604,145	6.29	4,166,626,637	2.02	-
2015	227,668,925,779	209,406,488,552	91.98	13,615,859,525	5.98	4,646,577,972	2.04	-
2016	238,324,364,379	220,007,382,713	92.31	13,405,340,895	5.62	4,911,640,772	2.06	-

Assessment of Nebraska Real Property, Personal Tangible and Intangible Property, and Railroads, 1867-2017 (Cont'd.)

Year	Total Assessed Valuation	Real Property ¹⁶	Real Property Percent of Total Assessment	Personal Property Exclusive of Railroad ¹⁷	Personal Property Percent of Total Assessment	Railroad Property Percent of Total Assessment	Total Intangible Personal Property
2017.....	245,203,340,134	226,902,199,211	92.54	13,310,223,353	5.43	4,990,917,570	2.04

¹ Total contains valuation of railroad and pullman cars. Prior to 1889, no provision was made for the separate assessment of sleeping cars and dining cars.

² In this table, pullman car valuations have been included in the personal property, beginning with 1907.

³ From 1921 to 1952, property was assessed at full value instead of one-fifth value, as in past years.

⁴ Purchasers' interest in state lands included.

⁵ Intangible property was assessed at one-fourth its actual value from 1922 to 1924, inclusive.

⁶ From 1925, the total assessment does not include valuation of intangible property, Classes A and B.

⁷ Intangible property was divided into two classes, A and B, in 1925. The levy on Class A intangible property was 2 1/2 mills; on Class B, 5 mills.

⁸ In 1929, the levy on Class B intangible property was raised to 8 mills.

⁹ Includes mineral interests.

¹⁰ From 1953 to 1957, property was assessed at 50 percent of value. From 1958 to 1980, property was assessed at 35 percent of value.

¹¹ From 1954, the levy on Class B intangible property was 4 mills.

¹² Tax on intangible property repealed.

¹³ LB187 in 1979 changed the level of assessment from 35 percent of actual value to 100 percent of actual value starting in 1981.

¹⁴ Agricultural livestock personal property exempted.

¹⁵ 1907 value excludes motor vehicle values per LB271, passed in 1997.

¹⁶ Real property excludes centrally assessed railroads and public service entities.

¹⁷ Personal property includes public service entities value.

Department of Transportation

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Deputy Director - Operations: Moe Jamshidi

Deputy Director - Technology & Strategic Planning: Steve Ingracia

Statutory Reference: 81-101

The Nebraska Department of Transportation (NDOT) is the state agency responsible for highway, bridge, rail, public transit and other surface transportation programs. The department's duties include planning, design, construction, maintenance, operations and federal program administration.

The 1895 Legislature established the State Board of Irrigation, which was changed to the State Board of Irrigation, Highways and Drainage in 1911. In 1919, the board became the Department of Public Works and included the Bureau of Roads and Bridges, the Bureau of Irrigation, Water Power and Drainage and the Motor Vehicle Records Division. The department became the Department of Roads and Irrigation in 1933. The 1957 Legislature changed the name to Department of Roads and transferred the other functions to the Department of Motor Vehicles and the Department of Water Resources. The Nebraska State Patrol became part of the Department of Roads in 1937 but became a separate agency in 1982. In 2017, the Department of Aeronautics merged with the Department of Roads to become the Department of Transportation.

Director

The director is the department's chief executive officer. The director's responsibilities include:

- implementing objectives established by the Legislature and the governor consistent with an integrated transportation system, including highway, rail and public transportation programs
- directing the planning, design, construction, maintenance, operations and administration of the department
- maintaining relationships with federal, county and municipal governments, other state agencies and private entities in matters pertaining to an improved and integrated state transportation system
- developing a performance-based Department of Transportation

Bridge Division

The Bridge Division has seven sections: bridge design (two), hydrology and hydraulics, in-service bridges, bridge inventory and data, bridge management and research. The division is responsible for:

- managing all bridges on the state highway system
- determining the specific scope of bridge preservation or improvements
- providing hydraulic/hydrologic studies and assessments at bridge sites

- preparing complete bridge plans and special structure plans
- inspecting in-service bridges to determine condition and load carrying capacity
- maintaining a record of all bridges within the state
- coordinating bridge-related research activities
- reviewing bridge consultant engineering work, including hydrology/hydraulics, bridge design, inspection, load rating and research

Business Technology Support Division

The Business Technology Support Division has two sections: technical services and project management. The division is responsible for:

- providing data processing technical services to the department's users
- providing LAN service operations (including backups and disaster recovery), facsimile and computer production control services for the department
- identifying, tagging, entering and maintaining the inventory of computer hardware and software
- scheduling the use of computer resources to optimize their use and service to the department
- participating in evaluating, selecting and procuring computer hardware, software and supplies for the computer operations function
- providing liaison with the Office of the CIO on computer or data communication operation, service and technical services matters
- providing liaison with DAS/Material on IT hardware and software purchasing
- providing help desk services, including logging and assigning reported hardware, software and application problems to appropriate BTSD staff for resolution
- determining if application development solutions should be purchased, developed by utilizing consultant services or developed by BTSD or department personnel
- developing, implementing and administering project management standards, policies, methodologies and best practices to ensure efficient project delivery
- providing technical support for department-wide applications such as MicroStation, Onbase, GIS, Crystal Enterprise and others
- developing, maintaining and administering the various databases that store mission-critical and other data that is utilized by applications throughout the department
- communicating and working with the Office of the CIO on matters concerning application development, integration and implementation

Communication Division

The Communication Division is directly responsible to the director and has the following sections: highway communication, government affairs, public affairs and communication services. The division is responsible for:

- developing and reviewing policies, programs and procedures concerning agency communication, public affairs and public involvement
- preparing and distributing information, news releases, pamphlets, brochures, newsletters and motorist advisories on highway projects, coordinating the biennial state highway map, overseeing media relations, providing customer service and coordinating/

maintaining the department's website and multimedia

- preparing, coordinating and facilitating public hearings, public meetings and public involvement for highway improvement projects
- providing transportation information resources, coordinating records and archival management, providing information processing, photo, video and multi graphics, engineering blueprints/plan printing, copying and agency mail services
- coordinating and overseeing State Highway Commission meetings and activities
- coordinating state and federal legislation affecting or of interest to the department
- assisting NDOT leadership and divisions in engaging with the Congressional delegation, the Unicameral and the governor's Policy Research Office
- coordinating the department's rules and regulations, including preparation, adoption, revision and repeal
- acting as the department's overall tribal liaison

Construction Division

The Construction Division has the following sections: plan review, specifications and estimating, construction scheduling and contracts; contract administration; bituminous and concrete pavements, final review of project records and grading and structures. The division is responsible for:

- conducting activities relating to the letting and administration of construction contracts
- creating and maintaining policies and actions pertaining to construction activities, standards, techniques, manuals and uniformity of application of specifications, special provisions and inspection
- coordinating and communicating with heavy highway construction industry partners
- creating engineer's estimates for each job from preliminary to letting estimates
- checking and assembling final plans and proposals for highway construction projects
- reviewing each job for constructability and determining construction working days
- prequalifying contractors, conducting bid lettings and preparing and executing all final highway construction contracts
- monitoring all construction contract activities once contracts are executed, such as notice to proceed, subcontracts, insurance, progress payments and change orders
- resolving construction issues that are brought forward from the districts or the industry
- monitoring and resolving labor rate issues

Controller Division

The Controller Division has the following sections: budget and finance, accounting, financial systems and audit. The division is responsible for:

- advising on department financial matters and compliance with state statutes and federal laws
- financial planning and programming, revenue and expenditure projections, bud-

getting, fund controls, financial analysis and innovative financing techniques

- accounting, budgeting, cash flow management, project finance and related systems
- analyzing proposed state and federal transportation legislation and interpreting statutes and laws
- conducting financial management analysis to determine current and future highway construction program size and to make informed business decisions

Human Resources Division

The Human Resources Division has the following sections: employee services and safety, workforce development, classification, compensation, recruitment and EEO, employee performance and civil rights coordination. The division is responsible for:

- administering the department Workforce Development Program, including leadership development
- administering state and department human resources policies, including the department Human Resources Policies and Procedures Manual, rules and regulations, the labor contract, state and federal statutes and regulatory agency guidelines
- administering procedures for labor relations, disciplinary actions, grievance resolution, performance management, mediation, recruitment, classification and compensation, benefits, FLSA, EEO/AA/ADA/diversity, safety and training programs
- administering the employee safety, workers compensation, family medical leave, catastrophic illness, employee assistance, drug and alcohol testing, driving records, employee recognition, wellness and suggestion system programs
- developing policies and procedures for the administration of the department payroll, time reporting and leave accounting systems

Intermodal Planning Division

The Intermodal Planning Division has three sections: planning, rail/transit and Lean Six Sigma. The division is responsible for:

- providing long-range, collaborative statewide planning and statewide freight planning
- conducting traffic counts and providing travel demand modeling
- developing and managing the department's outcome-based performance measures
- providing strategic direction to the department
- providing process improvement support using Lean Six Sigma methods
- providing support for business intelligence efforts and data-driven decision making
- administering the Nebraska Grade Crossing Protection Program, federal rail safety funds and all agreements with railroads where highway improvements impact railroad facilities
- administering federal and state transit assistance programs

Materials and Research Division

The Materials and Research Division has the following sections: portland cement concrete, flexible pavement and quality assurance, pavement design, geotechnical, roadway asset management, research and administration support and the AASHTOWare

project. The division is responsible for:

- developing material specifications and quality control standards
- determining pavement type, thickness and associated plan quantities
- inspecting, testing and reporting of construction and maintenance materials
- coordinating and/or providing certification programs for field technicians
- performing field investigations to determine material performance
- preparing a materials sampling guide
- determining the 20-year needs for the state's highway system
- providing pavement management reports and maintaining the pavement inventory
- providing soil and aggregate requirements
- managing and coordinating the research program
- maintaining statewide mapping and classification needs
- developing, maintaining and providing technical support for the department-wide

AASHTOWare project

- coordinating programs and projects for local agencies involving federal and state aid
- managing and coordinating the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Local Technical Assistance Program
- reviewing local public agency qualifications and assisting with training needs

Operations Division

The Operations Division has two sections: Maintenance Management and Transportation Systems Management and Operations. The division is responsible for:

- promoting, coordinating, facilitating and assisting in all Homeland Security activities
- formulating and implementing policies, procedures and programs pertaining to Homeland Security
- administering and developing the departmental emergency operations plan and assisting with and coordinating information and activities for snowstorms, floods and other emergencies
- planning and implementing an intelligent transportation system
- developing, implementing and monitoring the department's communications network
- constructing, maintaining and repairing capital facilities
- implementing and monitoring policies governing rest areas and environmental issues
- administering the statewide Adopt-A-Highway, hay harvesting and mowing programs
- preparing agreements with local governmental units that assume responsibilities for the maintenance of roads, streets and bridges within their jurisdiction
- managing the department's fleet
- developing specifications for and requisitioning of all numbered equipment components, accessories and shop equipment
- administering the state gas system and the Voyager fleet credit card system

- procuring all commodities and maintenance services
- managing the Statewide Operations Center, which detects and coordinates the response to incidents on state, IS and interstate highways, including notifying the public through the 511 Traveler Information System
- issuing oversize/overweight loads and permits and administering department rules and regulations for oversize/overweight loads and permits

Project Development Division

The Project Development Division has the following sections: environmental, planning and location studies, agreements and consultant services and utilities, noise and air. The division is responsible for:

- providing project scoping documents and corridor studies on selected highway projects and coordinating with local, state and federal agencies to assist in the evaluation of engineering alternatives and effects associated with highway projects
- obtaining environmental approvals, 404 permits and floodplain permits
- preparing, negotiating and administering engineering and other agreements with utilities, consultants and political subdivisions
- providing liaison with utility companies
- providing long-range collaborative planning statewide
- conducting traffic counts and providing travel demand modeling
- developing and managing the department's outcome-based performance measures
- providing liaison with local officials on community planning and design of noise abatement and air studies

Program Management Division

The Program Management Division includes the scheduling and programming sections. The division is responsible for:

- developing and managing the one- and six-year highway construction program with input from district engineers and the State Highway Commission
- developing a highway construction program that balances time, personnel, funds and needs, scheduling the preconstruction process of all projects and coordinating the schedules with all levels of management
- maintaining computer databases with information about projects under the department's jurisdiction
- directing and accomplishing functions necessary to program and fund federal-aid projects with the Federal Highway Administration
- preparing the annual Statewide Transportation Improvement Program
- administering the department's civil rights program

Right of Way Division

The Right of Way Division has the following sections: appraisal, negotiation and relocation, highway beautification, property management and right of way design. The division is responsible for:

- providing all real estate services to the Department of Transportation

- creating right of way plans and developing legal descriptions of all real estate acquired for construction and maintenance programs
- making and reviewing appraisals establishing the value of land and interests in land
- negotiating for and purchasing real estate needed by the NDOT
- managing the NDOT's newly purchased property until project construction begins
- disposing of surplus real estate
- providing relocation assistance payments and services to those displaced by the NDOT
- managing the NDOT's highway beautification program
- issuing use and occupancy permits to those wishing to occupy the NDOT's right of way
- monitoring local public agencies' right of way activities to ensure compliance with applicable federal and state law and rules and regulations

Roadway Design Division

The Roadway Design Division has the following sections: design support, interstate, expressways and major arterials group, urban, resurfacing and lighting and hydraulics and environmental liaison. The division is responsible for:

- determining the specific location and scope of highway improvements
- preparing complete roadway plans for the state highway system
- reviewing the one- and five-year Highway Improvement Program
- conducting value engineering reviews
- maintaining the department's design manual and standard and special plans
- performing land, geodetic and aerial surveys
- providing hydraulic/hydrologic study and assessments
- providing recommendations to the districts on right of way permit applications

Traffic Engineering Division

The Traffic Engineering Division has the following sections: traffic control, traffic analysis, highway safety/accident records and the Office of Highway Safety. The division is responsible for:

- making recommendations for the functional design features of intersections, interchanges and other highway facilities
- designing signs, signals, pavement markings and other traffic control devices and preparing standards and policies for installation and maintenance
- continuing surveillance of the highway system to identify high-accident and congested locations, conducting studies of the locations and recommending or implementing actions to improve conditions
- maintaining the statewide traffic accident database
- maintaining the fatal accident reporting system database
- performing statistical analyses and preparing reports for purposes of increased highway and traffic safety
- coordinating the state property damage system
- identifying areas of loss to the agency through a risk management program

- coordinating the state's strategic highway safety plan

In 2009, the Office of Highway Safety was transferred from the Department of Motor Vehicles to the Department of Roads. This section is financed primarily with federal funding. The director of the agency serves as the governor's highway safety representative. The section is responsible for providing assistance for state and local highway safety projects and administering the state highway safety program.

Field Districts

The Field Districts are responsible for all construction and maintenance of highways within their areas.

Headquarters for the Department of Transportation field districts are:

District 1	Lincoln	District 5	Gering
District 2	Omaha	District 6	North Platte
District 3	Norfolk	District 7	McCook
District 4	Grand Island	District 8	Ainsworth

Roads Section of the Department of Justice

The attorney general established the Roads Section of the Department of Justice, and it is housed by the Department of Transportation. This section provides all legal representation and counseling concerning the legal business of the Department of Transportation.

Division of Aeronautics

Office Address: 3431 Aviation Road, Suite 150, Lincoln Airport, Lincoln, NE 68524, phone (402) 471-2371

Director: Ronnie D. Mitchell

Statutory Reference: 3-103

Publications: *Nebraska Airport Directory*, *PIREPS* (a bi-monthly newsletter)

Navigational Aids Division

The Navigational Aids Division installs, operates and maintains Nebraska's Aeronautical Radio Navigation, Communication and Aviation Weather Reporting Network. This network consists of:

- seven VHF Omni Directional Radio Range facilities at Beatrice, Broken Bow, Cozad, Kearney, Ogallala, Scribner/Fremont and Thedford
- four pieces of distance-measuring equipment at Thedford, Broken Bow, Ogallala and Scribner/Fremont
- 14 nondirectional radio beacons at Cambridge, Chappell, Fairbury, Fairmont, Gordon, Grant, Nebraska City, Ord, Oshkosh, Plattsmouth, Valentine, Wahoo, Whitney and York
- 20 Automated Weather Observation Station (AWOS III) facilities at Ainsworth, Albion, Aurora, Beatrice, Blair, Fremont, Gordon, Hebron, Holdrege, Kimball, Lexington, Millard, Nebraska City, O'Neill, Ogallala, Plattsmouth, Thedford, Wahoo, Wayne and York

The division also maintains the division office, maintenance shop and warehouse in Kearney; coordinates the state runway lighting program; acquires federal equipment for government use; and coordinates activities and programs with the Federal Aviation Administration, the National Weather Service and cities and towns involved.

Planning and Engineering Division

The Planning and Engineering Division oversees all phases of the Federal Aviation Administration's grant program for general aviation airports. This includes applications, inspections, review of construction plans and specifications and payment approval. Federal funds used to develop Nebraska general aviation airports must pass through the Division of Aeronautics.

Other duties include administration of state-aid grants, revolving hangar and fuel-storage loans, pavement preservation grants, airport safety and pavement inspections, preparing annual DBE programs, licensing public-use airports, issuing building permits for structures taller than 150 feet, airport layout plan review, state airport system planning, review of notices of construction that obstructs airports and helping communities with height-restriction zoning. The division also manages a crack and joint filling program and a marking program.

State-Owned Airfields Division

The State-Owned Airfields Division operates and maintains Nebraska's state-owned

airfields at Fairmont, Harvard and Scribner. The division leases available land and buildings at these sites, as well as at the site of the closed Bruning Airbase.

Flight Operations and Aviation Services Division

The operations division operates state-owned, rented and leased aircraft dedicated to providing transportation for all three branches of state government. This includes the governor, his staff and officials from state agencies, the University of Nebraska (Lincoln, Omaha and Kearney), the University Board of Regents, the University of Nebraska Medical Center, the judiciary and the Legislature.

In addition to providing transportation, the division performs the following duties:

- publishing the Nebraska Airport Directory. The directory is issued at no charge to pilots and other aviation interests. It is published every two years and covers Nebraska and portions of states bordering Nebraska
- publishing an aviation newsletter, *PIREPS*. This newsletter is published six times a year and addresses aviation news and items of interest to the flying public in Nebraska. It is mailed free of charge to anyone wishing to receive the publication and is available electronically.
- conducting aviation education and career activities, including the Nebraska portion of an international aviation art contest. The division also participates in aviation career fairs to promote career opportunities available in aviation.

Nebraska Aeronautics Commission

Contact Person: Dick Trail, Chairperson, P.O. Box 82088, Lincoln, NE 68501-2088, phone (402) 471-2371

Statutory Reference: 3-104

The Nebraska Aeronautics Commission advises the director. The commission:

- allocates state and federal airport construction and maintenance funds
- designates airport sites
- authorizes the state's purchase of aircraft
- approves pilots to work for the state
- helps the division director develop regulations and policies

The commission also advises the Director - State Engineer in appointing the director of the Division of Aeronautics.

The commission has five members who are appointed by the governor to five-year terms. Members are not paid but are reimbursed for their expenses. The commission meets approximately five times per year.

Members	Term Expires
Michael Cook, Bellevue.....	March 1, 2022
Diana Smith, Beatrice.....	March 1, 2019
Dick Trail, McCook.....	March 1, 2021
Thomas Trumble, Lincoln.....	March 1, 2023
Therese "Tern" Wachter, Pierce.....	March 1, 2020

Nebraska Licensed Airports, 2019*

Municipal Airports

City	Airport	City	Airport	City	Airport
Ainsworth	Ainsworth Regional	Fremont.....	Fremont Municipal	Omaha.....	Eppley Airfield
Albion	Albion Municipal	Genoa.....	Genoa Municipal	Omaha.....	Millard Airport
Alliance	Alliance Municipal	Gordon.....	Gordon Municipal	O'Neill.....	O'Neill Municipal John L.
Alma	Alma Municipal	Gothenburg	Quinn Field		Baker Field
Arapahoe	Arapahoe Municipal	Grand Island.....	Central Nebraska Regional	Ord	Evelyn Sharp Field
Atkinson.....	Stuart-Atkinson Municipal	Grant	Grant Municipal	Oshkosh.....	Garden County Airport
Auburn	Farington Field	Hartington.....	Hartington Municipal	Pawnee City.....	Pawnee City Municipal
Aurora	Aurora Municipal	Hastings.....	Hastings Municipal	Pender	Pender Municipal
Bassett	Rock County Airport	Hay Springs.....	Hay Springs Municipal	Plattsmouth.....	Plattsmouth Municipal
Beatrice	Beatrice Municipal	Hebron	Hebron Municipal	Red Cloud.....	Red Cloud Municipal
Blair	Blair Municipal	Holdrege	Brewster Field	Rushville.....	Modisett Field
Bloomfield.....	Bloomfield Municipal	Hyannis.....	Grant County Airport	Sargent	Sargent Municipal
Broken Bow	Broken Bow Municipal	Imperial.....	Imperial Municipal	Scottsbluff	Western Nebraska Regional
Burwell	Cram Field	Kearney.....	Kearney Regional	Seward.....	Seward Municipal
Cambridge.....	Cambridge Municipal	Kimball.....	Robert E. Arraj Field	Sidney	Sidney Municipal
Central City	Central City Municipal	Lexington.....	Jim Kelly Field	Superior	Superior Municipal
Chadron	Chadron Municipal	Lincoln.....	Lincoln Airport	Tecumseh	Tecumseh Municipal
Chappell.....	Billy G. Ray Field	Loup City.....	Loup City Municipal	Tekamah.....	Tekamah Municipal
Columbus	Columbus Municipal	McCook.....	McCook Ben Nelson	Thedford	Thomas County Airport
Cozad	Cozad Municipal		Regional	Valentine.....	Miller Field
Creighton.....	Creighton Municipal	Minden.....	Pioneer Village Field	Wahoo	Wahoo Municipal
Crete	Crete Municipal	Nebraska City.....	Nebraska City Municipal	Wallace	Wallace Municipal
Curtis	Curtis Municipal	Neligh	Antelope County Airport	Wayne	Wayne Municipal
David City.....	David City Municipal	Norfolk	Norfolk Regional	York.....	York Municipal
Fairbury	Fairbury Municipal	North Platte	North Platte Regional		
Falls City.....	Brenner Field	Ogallala	Searle Field		

Privately Owned Public Use Airports

City	Airport	City	Airport
Omaha	North Omaha Airport	South Sioux City.....	Martin Field

U.S. Government Airport¹

City	Airport	City	Landing Area
Bellevue.....	Offutt Air Force Base	Alma	Harlan County Lake SPB

Seaplane Base

State Government Airports

City	Airport	City	Airport
Fairmont.....	Fairmont State Airfield	Scribner.....	Scribner State Airport
Harvard.....	Harvard State Airfield		

* Source: Nebraska Department of Transportation, Division of Aeronautics.

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Department of Veterans' Affairs

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Director: John Hilgert

Statutory Reference: 80-401.02

The Department of Veterans' Affairs, created in 1947, serves as the advocacy agency for Nebraska's 142,443 veterans. The department, led by a director appointed by the governor and approved by the Legislature, administers the interest from the Nebraska Veterans' Aid Trust Fund to provide temporary assistance to needy veterans and their dependents.

The agency has five state veterans' service officers who represent veterans and their dependents before the U.S. Department of Veterans' Affairs.

The department operates the Nebraska State Veterans Cemetery in Alliance and maintains the Nebraska Veterans Registry. The department also administers the state's waiver of tuition and Reserve Tuition Credit programs and serves as the state's custodian of veteran discharges and grave registrations.

The director certifies the statutory eligibility of county veterans' service officers. The director must reside in Nebraska five years prior to his or her appointment, be a U.S. citizen and be an honorably discharged veteran during a period designated by Nebraska law. The Veterans' Advisory Commission is the agency's oversight body.

Veterans' Advisory Commission

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Statutory Reference: 80-401.06

The Veterans' Advisory Commission provides counsel to the Nebraska Department of Veterans' Affairs on matters concerning veterans' advocacy and administration of the agency. The commission also approves those hired by the director for state veterans' service officer positions.

The commission also serves as the appeals board on decisions made by the department for Nebraska Veterans' Aid Fund claims.

The commission's five members are appointed by the governor to five-year terms. Each of the three congressional districts has one commissioner and two commissioners serve at large. Each commissioner must have lived in Nebraska for five years prior to appointment, be considered a wartime veteran under Nebraska law, have been honorably discharged and be a member of a recognized veterans' organization.

The commission is required to meet twice each year. Members are not paid but are reimbursed for expenses.

Member	Position	Term Expires
Jim Cada, Lincoln.....	At Large.....	March 1, 2020
Virgil A. Hagel, Gordon	At Large.....	March 1, 2022

John Iossi, Columbus	District 1.....	March 1, 2023
John Liebsack, Omaha	District 2.....	March 1, 2019
Billy C. Smith, Palisade.....	District 3.....	March 1, 2021

Division of Veterans' Homes

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In 2017, the Legislature passed LB340, which transferred the Division of Veterans' Homes from the state Department of Health and Human Services to the state Department of Veterans' Affairs. The division administers the state's four Veterans' Homes in Bellevue, Grand Island, Norfolk and Scottsbluff.

Grand Island Veterans' Home: Alex Willford, Administrator, 2300 W. Capital Ave., Grand Island, NE 68803-2097, phone (308) 385-6252, email address — alex.willford@nebraska.gov

Norfolk Veterans' Home: Jerry Eisenhauer, Administrator, 600 E. Benjamin Ave., Norfolk, NE 68701-0830, phone (402) 370-3330, email address — jerry.eisenhauer@nebraska.gov

Eastern Nebraska Veterans' Home: Tammy Weston, Administrator, 12505 S. 40th Street, Bellevue, NE 68123, phone (402) 595-2180, email address — tammy.weston@nebraska.gov

Western Nebraska Veterans' Home: Lonnie Starke, Administrator, 1102 W. 42nd St., Scottsbluff, NE 69361-4939, phone (308) 632-0300, email address — lonnie.starke@nebraska.gov

Statutory References: 80-314, 80-315, 80-316 and 83-107.01

To live in one of these facilities, veterans must have served in active duty during war, lived in Nebraska at least two years and be disabled. Disability qualifications include injury during service, old age, inability to earn a livelihood, whole or partial dependence on public assistance or requiring care available only at a state facility. Spouses of veterans and Gold Star Mothers and Fathers are eligible under similar requirements.

The focus of the veterans' homes is on wellness, allowing people to live their lives to the fullest through different levels of care: domiciliary, intermediate and skilled. The homes provide specialized services such as physical therapy and a wide range of recreational and religious services. The homes have a supportive relationship with various veterans' organizations whose members donate time, money and companionship to the people living there.

Veterans' Homes Board

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Statutory Reference: 80-318

The Veterans' Homes Board was established to determine continued eligibility of members to remain in one of the Nebraska veterans' homes. The board makes all final determinations regarding initial and continued admission. The board also makes recom-

mendations on matters of policy, rules and regulations, administration and maintenance pertaining to each of the Nebraska veterans' homes.

The board is composed of two members selected by each of the state's recognized veterans' organizations. The Department of Veterans' Affairs director serves as the permanent board secretary. Board members are not paid but are reimbursed for expenses.

Member	Represents
Bernard Brosnihan, Omaha.....	AMVETS
Jim Cada, Lincoln.....	Military Order of the Purple Heart
Sam DeJohn, Omaha.....	Veterans of Foreign Wars
Roger Franklin, Omaha.....	Disabled American Veterans
Virgil Hagel, Gordon.....	American Legion
John Hilgert, Omaha.....	Director, Department of Veterans' Affairs
Gregory Holloway, Bee.....	Vietnam Veterans of America
Chuck Ogle, Kearney.....	Disabled American Veterans
Dave Salak, Omaha.....	American Legion
Dennis Schissel, Weston.....	Vietnam Veterans of America
John Scott, Crescent, Iowa.....	Paralyzed Veteran of America
Joe Smith, Bellevue.....	Veterans of Foreign Wars
Randy Squier, Glenwood, Iowa.....	Paralyzed Veterans of America
Dennis Sweeney, Omaha.....	AMVETS
Jim Varejcka, Hickman.....	Military Order of the Purple Heart